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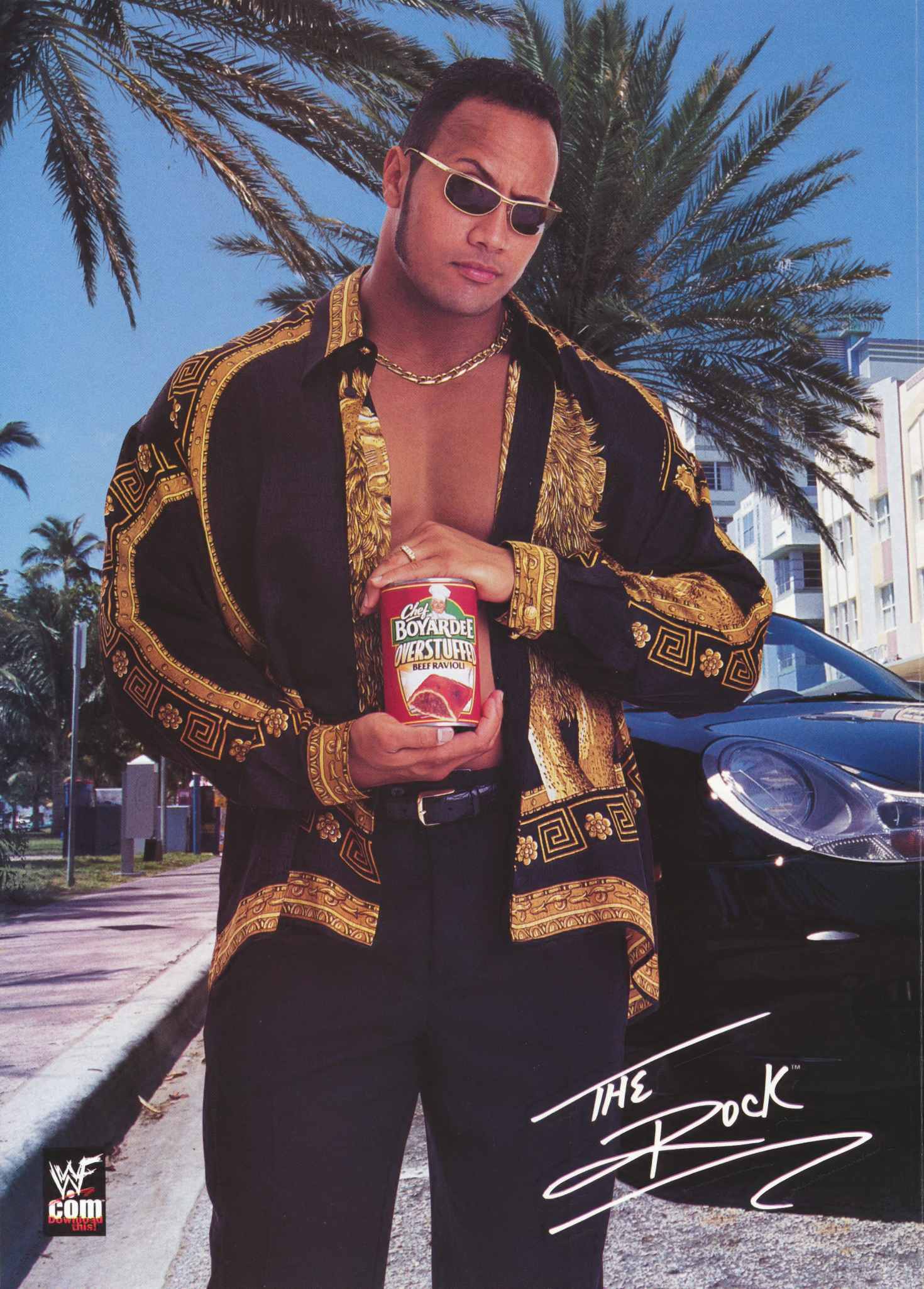


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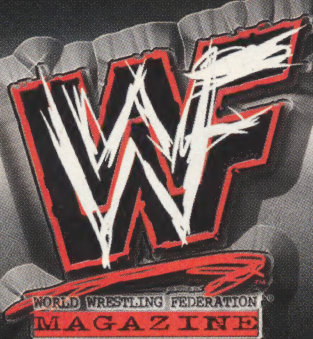
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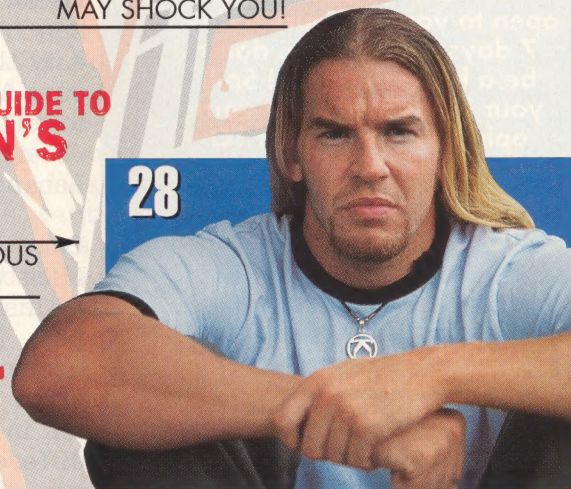
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### (Kevin Kelly hosts this Q & A!)

Dear Editor,

I have to say that I really enjoyed "The Bite" written by Mick Foley. It was extremely funny to read about his beach adventure, and he's such a good writer I could visualize the entire thing happening. I think you guys at the magazine should consider giving Foley his own section every month! Hell, I'm going to renew my subscription just to see if he writes some more. Any thought to doing this? I'm sure Mick has plenty of stories to tell.

Jessie Bowman  
Lebanon Junction, Kentucky

Dear Jessie,  
Mick will tell plenty of stories in his forthcoming autobiography, Have A Nice Day! Mick, however, is not the only Federation Superstar with tales to tell in print. So, each month, a different superstar will guest pen "The Bite." Should make for some entertaining reading! Turn to page 12 to see who's sitting in the Editor's chair this month.

Dear Editor,  
After reading the article on Billy Gunn in the August World Wrestling Federation Magazine, I'm sure his fan club isn't growing by leaps and bounds. True, he's been a great athlete all his life, but why does he feel the need to prove it to everyone? I'm sure I could name at least a dozen athletes in sports who are just as talented as he is. I'm not taking

anything away from Billy, but maybe he should consider toning down that attitude a little bit.

"Steve"  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear "Steve,"  
Go ahead and compile that list because I wonder if there is anyone who can match Billy Gunn's all-around athletic skills. And that attitude? That is what pays the bills. His win at King of the Ring will pale in comparison to what is on the horizon for Mr. Ass!

Dear Editor,  
I read "A Dynasty's End Is Only The Beginning" in the August World Wrestling Federation Magazine and I agree that the Federation Tag Team Championship isn't going to end because the New Age Outlaws split up. But I was upset because the Godfather and Val Venis were not mentioned. Why didn't you include them as part of the rising teams in the division? I believe they would make perfect champions, don't you agree?  
Lauren Danek  
Grace4444@yahoo.com

Dear Lauren,  
It was purely an oversight on my part. Val and the Godfather have great ring chemistry and are like the New Age Outlaws in the respect that Billy and the Road Dogg needed each other to get to that next level. Don't be surprised if by the end of the year there are as many as a dozen teams vying for the gold!



Dear Editor,  
Are you trying to convince me that Prince Albert went to college? I doubt your facts in the August "Rookies to Legends" are correct! Does he look like someone who went to college? NO! Any guy who pierces people can't be that highly educated. Prince Albert probably lied about all that and went to a piercing college instead! Is there any way you can substantiate this? Because, in my opinion, any guy with as many tattoos and piercings on him as Prince Albert shouldn't be let anywhere near a college.  
Dann Cunningham  
Tupac2694@aol.com

Dear Dann,  
I will let Prince Albert answer this one.

To My Academic Skeptic,  
In reply to your recent inquiry about my college achievements, all I can say is that a picture speaks louder than words. Further debate on my educational credentials will be welcome. Remember: "If you can grab it, pierce it!"  
Sincerely,  
The Prince

Dear Editor,  
In the August World Wrestling Federation Magazine, you wrote about "Lethal Weapon" Steve Blackman taking the Hardcore Division to a new level. Ken Shamrock isn't even in the Hardcore Division, but I have a feeling he could show Blackman the real meaning of "hardcore" if he wanted to! Is Blackman that crazy that he thinks he can take down the "World's Most Dangerous Man"?

Mike Davis  
Bigdadda2@aol.com

Dear Mike,  
Hasn't Blackman already taken Ken down? Seems to me that Steve made his rep by whacking Shamrock time and time again. Maybe Ken needs to elevate his game to get revenge against the "Lethal Weapon." I wonder if there is anyone else in the Federation who as closely parallels the skills of Ken Shamrock as Steve Blackman. For the "World's Most Dangerous Man," it must be like looking in a mirror.

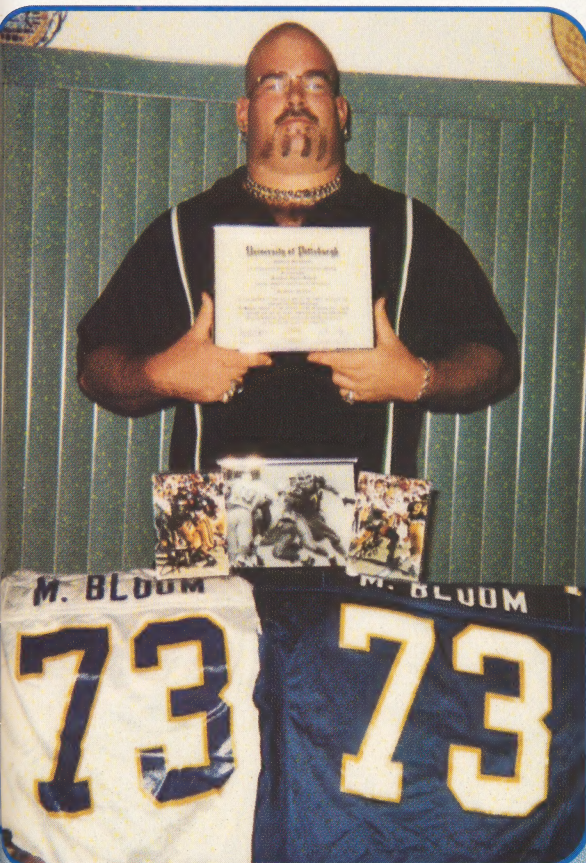
Dear Editor,  
Something troubles me about the "Smarter Than The Average Woman" article in the August World Wrestling Federation Magazine, and I quote: "There seems to be a misconception among many women in today's society that if they want to be taken seriously and achieve success they can't simply be smokin' hotties."

I agree that if you expose your "puppies" in the entertainment business, you are going to climb the ladder of success. But what about women who are not in that business? What good will it bring me if I go to a job interview wearing a dress like Debra's? Or maybe I'm missing your point. Are you saying that ALL women are created for just "entertainment"?

Name withheld  
Smlfed@aol.com

Dear Name Withheld,  
Are you from the Westport Withhelds?

It is the woman who can command her sexuality and use it to her advantage who can own the world. Men are drones—simple and easily manipulated by a strong, sexually confident woman. At least that's what my wife tells me. Debra teases without giving it all away. Men drool in a Pavlovian-style response every time she reaches for the buttons on her business suit. That is power. Try that the next time you go job hunting. If your boss-to-be screams, "We want PUPPIES!" —you know that Debra got to him first!





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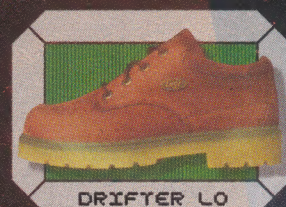
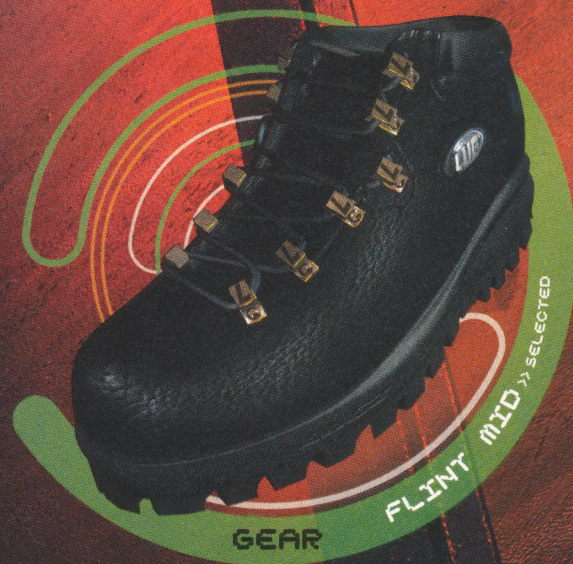


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# TALES FROM THE TURNBUCKLE

**T**he New Millennium, an event of epic proportions, is certainly cause for celebration. Although the year 2000 is still a few months away—and barring any major computer glitches we should make it—the World Wrestling Federation celebrated its own “New Millennium” arrival during one of the biggest RAWs of the year on August 9 in Chicago, Illinois!

That night, weeks of speculation were finally resolved as the “Countdown to the Millennium” led to the Federation debut of Chris Jericho, who claimed to be here to lead the sport into the next great era. According to Jericho, he is not the “Y2K” problem, but rather the “Y2J” solution.

“The fans have been treated to mediocrity for too long,” Jericho told the audience. “I’m your new hero, your party host and for those of you who know me, the ayatollah of rock ‘n’ roll-a!”

Of course, the superstar’s monumental introduction came at The Rock’s expense, as the “Great One’s” mic time was cut short by Jericho. After Jericho finished, The Rock took the opportunity to put “Y2J” in his place. The Rock told Jericho he was familiar with “K-Y Jelly plan” and would be more than happy to spread some on his size 13 boot and... well, we all know the rest! Thoroughly humiliated, Jericho got retribution on The Rock later on by interfering in his match with the Big Show! Despite his seriously inflated ego and attitude, there is no doubt Jericho has the charisma and ability to lead the World Wrestling Federation into the next millennium!



**A**lso, on that same historic RAW broadcast, former Federation Superstar and SummerSlam '99 guest referee Jesse “The Body” Ventura made his

first-ever appearance on a RAW! While being interviewed by Jerry “The King” Lawler, Ventura was rudely interrupted by Triple H, who claimed “The Body” was standing in HIS ring and that he would beat him senseless if he so chose. These remarks drew out Commissioner Shawn Michaels who, along with Jesse, quickly set Hunter straight.

After some “political” discussion between the commissioner and the special referee, Michaels declared that if Triple H wanted a fight, he would have one later on RAW—a Triple Threat Match featuring Triple H, Undertaker and Stone Cold Steve Austin (later replaced with Chyna). After laying down the law with Commissioner Michaels, Ventura enjoyed calling color commentary for the bout alongside “The King” and Jim Ross with less than two weeks till SummerSlam!







**A**long with Jericho's and Ventura's appearances, other memorable moments from the August RAW included Chyna's claiming the number-one contender status, albeit short-lived, from Triple H going into *SummerSlam*. After standing up to her comrade, the Ninth Wonder of the World—with a little help from the Rattlesnake—once again broke new ground by becoming the first woman to be named a top contender for the gold. In addition, not only did



X-Pac and Kane reclaim the Federation Tag Team gold from the Acolytes, but X-Pac convinced the "Big Red Machine" to speak his first words without use of his vocal enhancer, which were: "S\*CK IT!" **WF**



**WWE TALES FROM THE TURNBUCKLE**

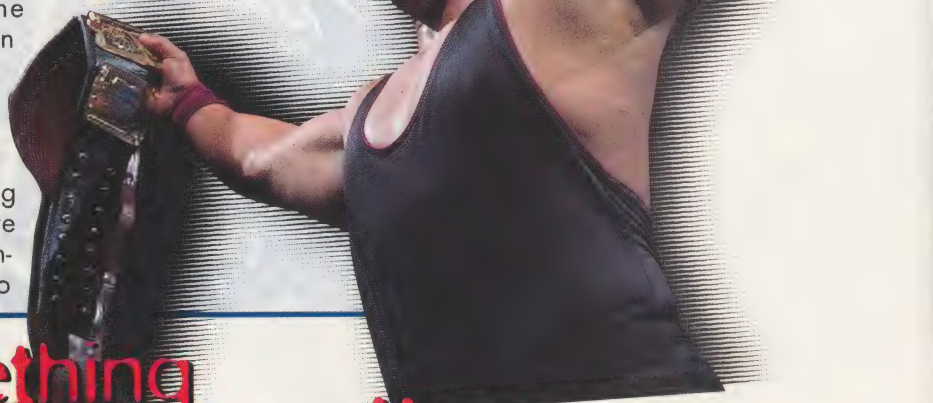
# Transcontinental Champion!

At *W Fully Loaded*, D'Lo regained the European Championship from Mideon, who had assumed ownership of the gold after Shane McMahon retired it! The victory, Brown's third European Title reign, was an enormous accomplishment for the superstar as it immediately rocketed him back up the ladder of singles contention following a tag team venture with "Sexual Chocolate."

Less than 24 hours after winning the gold, D'Lo saved Hollywood actor/comedian Ben Stiller from an attack by then-Intercontinental Champion Jeff Jarrett on *RAW*—signaling that Brown was targeting not only the Nashville native but his gold as well!

One week later on *RAW*, a match pitting Jarrett against D'Lo was scheduled, where the winner would gain control of both championships. During the contest, Debra tried to

distract the European Champion with her "puppies," but D'Lo wouldn't have it. After hitting his nemesis with the Sky-Hi, Brown became the first superstar in Federation history to hold both the Intercontinental and European Championships simultaneously!



## There's Something About "Puppies"!

Stiller, who earned acclaim for his 1998 film, *There's Something About Mary*, is a longtime fan of the Federation who confessed to being a huge admirer of the "puppies" during a GTV segment this past summer. Just a few weeks later, the actor/comedian was on a promotional tour for his film, *Mystery Men*, when he was enticed into the squared circle at the invitation of Jeff Jarrett—who questioned Stiller about his remarks. When Jarrett asked Stiller who his favorite superstar was, the *Mystery Men* star claimed he had two... the "puppies"!

The comment was apparently too much for Jarrett to bear, and he proceeded to knock Stiller to the canvas after the star turned his back on him for the applause of the fans. Jarrett lashed into Stiller with a series of kicks and then locked him in a painful figure-four leglock!

After some tense moments, D'Lo

Brown made the save for the actor—ultimately laying out Jarrett with a Sky-Hi. Meanwhile, Debra had pulled Stiller to safety and after he regained his senses, discovered he was in "puppy" bliss! During a replay of the events, cameras caught the actor getting up close and personal with man's best friends.

Although Stiller's brush with Jarrett taught him a valuable lesson about stepping into a Federation ring, rumor has it he could already be thinking of casting Debra in his next film! Might we suggest, *There's Something About "Puppies"?*



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### Quote of the month

"Na, na, na, na...  
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 OH,  
 HELL, YEAH—  
 GOODBYE!!!"

— Cleveland's Gund Arena  
 showing "No Mercy" to  
 Vince McMahon



Contrary to what you might be thinking, the headline above is not the name of a new tandem of World Wrestling Federation Superstars. Rather, **WF Metal** and **WF Jakked** are a tag team of a different sort! As of mid-September, these are the Federation's latest syndicated programs, and along with the new titles comes an entirely updated look for both programs.

According to the shows' respective producers—Steve Finkelstein and Terri Filippetti—**WF Metal** and **WF Jakked** will replace **WF Shotgun** and **WF Shotgun Saturday Night** on local programming schedules. With the approach of the new millennium and sports-entertainment in continual evolution, Federation television officials felt it was only logical to give their syndicated shows a boost in the "Attitude!"

"With our syndication viewership at an all-time high, the Federation continues to set the trends with the hottest new titles in television," said Scott Basilotta, manager of affiliate marketing for World Wrestling Federation Entertainment, Inc., who tracks the accomplishments of the two shows.

According to Basilotta, fans who regularly tuned in to both **WF Shotgun** and **WF Shotgun Saturday Night** will find **WF Metal** and **WF Jakked** in their local listings in the coming weeks, if the stations haven't changed after this issue goes to press.

## TOUR GUIDE

### September

18—San Antonio, TX

19—Austin, TX

20—Houston, TX (RAW) (6:30)

21—Dallas, TX (SmackDown!)

25—Augusta, GA (5:00)

26—Charlotte, NC (Unforgiven)

27—Greensboro, NC (RAW)

28—Richmond, VA (SmackDown!)

### October

2—Birmingham, ENG (Rebellion)

4—East Rutherford, NJ (RAW)

5—Trenton, NJ (SmackDown!)

9—Fort Myers, FL

10—Miami, FL (2:00)

11—Atlanta, GA (RAW)

12—Birmingham, AL (SmackDown!)

16—Dayton, OH (5:00)

17—Cleveland, OH (No Mercy)

18—Columbus, OH (RAW)




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# Mean Street Posse

Situated on the "Gold Coast" of Connecticut, the posh community of Greenwich is home to some of the wealthiest and most influential citizens in America. Just an hour outside of New York City, the suburb offers a more relaxed and enjoyable lifestyle for those who can afford it.

Even in Greenwich where mansions and manicured lawns abound, however, there is a rougher side of town that is the stomping ground of Rodney, Pete Gas and Joey Abs—better known as the Mean Street Posse! Childhood friends of Shane McMahon and the entire McMahon family, this trio of superstars may look "well-to-do," but bustin' heads is their favorite pastime!

Whether it's maxing out their Visa Platinum cards at Abercrombie and Fitch by day or cruising the avenues in their custom Mercedes by night, Pete Gas, Rodney and Joey Abs are regarded as the toughest Posse ever to hail from Greenwich. Those who make the mistake of getting in their faces will suffer the consequences!

The Mean Street Posse's journey to the World Wrestling Federation began in the hallowed halls of Greenwich's finest private learning institutions, where Pete, Rodney and Joey were classmates and friends of Shane. During those years, the Posse became a force to be reckoned with both in the classroom and on the streets. Whether it was Shane-O-Mac putting the beat down on some punk, or the notorious Willie Green becoming Public Enemy #1 to the A.S.P.C.A.—every day someone had to pay! Thanks to the "Boy Wonder" and the family business,

over the years the Posse were educated in the ways of the sports-entertainment business and eventually became Shane's closest associates when he rose to power in the Federation.

The Federation was first introduced to the Mean Street Posse prior to *WrestleMania XV* when they backed up Shane-O during his Federation European Championship defenses. In the following weeks, Pete Gas and Rodney moved up the ranks when Patterson and Brisco were fired from the Corporation—and the Posse subsequently engaged in a series of battles with the former "stooges." Although Rodney and Pete Gas were later forced from the Federation after a loss to Patterson and Brisco, within weeks the brash youths were back when Shane assumed control of the Federation for a short time.

The Mean Street Posse would increase in numbers this past June when Joey Abs—the biggest and most brutal of the group—debuted. He and the rest of the Posse immediately targeted Test, who they felt had no business associating with Stephanie McMahon, Shane's sister. In his in-ring Federation debut on the July 5 RAW, Abs got the first crack at passing the Test. It was all a setup by the Posse—while Pete Gas, Rodney and Joey triple-teamed the superstar, Shane forced his sister to watch. As it turned out, this "Pearl Harbor" ambush was only the beginning of the battle over Stephanie.

A lethal combination of money, power and brute force with Shane in charge, the Mean Street Posse is showing the Federation just what it is all about! **WF**





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## stephanie the BITE

***In this month's column, Stephanie McMahon explains how it's not always easy having Shane McMahon as a brother...***

**B**ig Dog was a giant pink, stuffed animal about twice my size with a white face and a red tongue. Big Dog protected me at night while I was sleeping and listened unconditionally to all my stories. Big Dog was my friend of five years, and Shane was holding him hostage.

"Shane, PLEASE don't do it!" I screamed as loud as I could, with all my heart and soul. Shane turned to look at me with a malicious smile, the look in his eyes revealed a sort of evil ecstasy and in his hand was Big Dog's little red, protruding tongue.

"I'm gonna rip it o-off," Shane said in a sing-songy voice, knowing he was driving me crazy. "Uh, don't take another step or Big Dog will definitely lose his tongue."

I was stuck. If I tried to physically stop him, the tongue would come off. So, what could I do? I looked at my brother with utter disbelief and decided I would have to beg. "Shane, I LOVE Big Dog. PLEASE STOP!!"

Shane's wicked grin broadened, his lips pulled tight across his teeth, his eyes even seemed to open wider and... "VWHRIP!" The sound of the paper tongue ripping coincided with the breaking of my heart.

"Here," Shane said, as he handed me the torn piece of red paper that was once a part of Big Dog's face. I was absolutely horrified. Ripping off Big Dog's tongue was one of the meanest things Shane could possibly have done. Why did he do it? For one reason—because he could.

Shane has to be in control of everything around him, including me—especially me—because anything I do is a reflection on him. Shane controlled what we watched on television, what we listened to on the radio—he even tried to control what I wore to school.

I remember one morning as I was getting dressed, I decided that I was going to wear what I wanted. I even put on a little makeup. All my friends at school were complimenting me, and I was getting a lot of looks from guys who usually didn't notice. Needless to say, I was feeling pretty darn good about myself... until I saw my brother.

Shane hadn't seen me yet that day because he always drove to school alone. (I wasn't cool enough to ride in his BMW, with the "Posse1" license plate.) I was simply walking to class when I spotted Shane and the Posse from across the Student Center. It was a moment of truth; I was going to have to walk right past them. The Posse hadn't seen me yet and I got a little nervous, but I decided to hold my head up high. After all, I only had on a little bit of makeup, my skirt was only one inch above my knee—and most important, I felt good. I was just being myself and for the first time at Greenwich High, I was full of confidence.

By the time all these thoughts had passed through

my head, I was close to where Shane and the Posse were hanging out. Before I had time to react, I felt Shane's hand grab my neck as he wrapped his fingers around my throat—the same hold Shane put on me when he made me watch the Posse attack Test on RAW. Still holding me by my neck, Shane whipped me around so that I was facing him. His hand felt like the "Jaws of Life"; he was squeezing so hard.

"What are you doing?!" he yelled so loud everyone heard him. "You want people to think you're a SLUT? What are you trying to do, RUIN ME?"

Shane said all this while dragging me to the nearby water fountain where he forced my face under the spigot and used his hand to wash off the makeup. By this time, because of the water—and my tears—the black mascara was running down my face. My hair was matted down, and my face was bright red and swollen from crying. The confidence that I had felt quickly dissolved into utter humiliation. I ran away as fast as I could. What had started off as one of the best days of my life quickly turned into one of the worst.

Shane now had help trying to run my life—the Mean Street Posse. When I would go out with my friends





one of the members of the Posse would always follow. Everywhere I looked I saw Rodney, Pete Gas or Joey Abs. With a system of cellular phones and beepers, Shane and the Posse would always know where I was and with whom.

One night a friend of mine, Kristin, invited me to a party that her cousins were throwing. The party was in Portchester, New York, in an apartment building approximately 15 miles outside of Greenwich, Connecticut. I knew that I would



It's not fun and games anymore. The McMahon children mug for the camera (above), circa 1987. Recently, Shane inadvertently knocked out Stephanie (left) in front of the camera as the older brother tried to control his sister's personal life.

never be allowed to go to a party in New York, so I told my family I was going to Amanda's house for a sleep-over. I did drive to Amanda's house and called my mom when I got there. Amanda and I had Kristin pick us up, so Shane and the Posse would see my car in Amanda's driveway in case they did a drive-by. Kristin, Amanda and I got to the party with no trouble. I was so excited! I was at a party in New York with my friends, and I had all the bases covered. No one would even suspect I was there.

I thought wrong. The party was just getting going when I heard the sound of screeching tires and the faint "boom" of heavy bass just outside the building. I looked through the window and there they were—one BMW, license plate "Posse1"; one red Ferrari, license plate "Posse2"; one black Porsche, license plate "Posse3"; and one silver Corvette, license plate "Posse4." The "Mean Street Machines," as the Posse called them, stood out starkly amidst the Toyota trucks and Hyundai hatchbacks. Within 30 seconds, Shane, Rodney, Pete Gas and Joey Abs busted down the door. The music literally stopped. Everyone at the party was too shocked to move; they didn't know who these angry strangers were. All they could see was four big men who had just broken down the front door.

The look on the Posse's faces was utter disdain. Shane began slowly sniffing the air, and then he turned up his nose and commented, "EUWW, Joey, it smells like a pack of dogs urinated in here!"

Joey added, "I thought it smelled more like human feces."

Pete remarked, "You know, these kind of people don't clean themselves."

And Rod contributed, "Yeah, they can't even afford butlers!"

Kristin, her cousins and all the partygoers were equally offended.

"Let's go, Steph," Shane said, "you don't belong here."

Needless to say, my friendship with Kristin quickly came to an end. I was more embarrassed for Kristin and her family than I was for myself; and, of course, I paid for all the damages. From then on, if I wanted to go to a party, it had to be a Posse party. No one else wanted me to come—not because of me, but because of my brother.

Shane is demanding, controlling and manipulative (my father would be so proud), but he does love me. I have seen other sides of my brother and believe it or not, sometimes he is actually sweet... just not often. I loathe the fact that Shane tries to control me, especially when he involves the Posse, and most of the time he makes my blood boil with anger.

But when it comes down to it, blood is thicker than water, and I do love my brother. I'll just have to make him understand that my life is my own. *WF*



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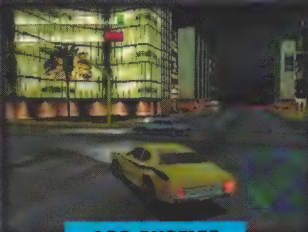


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**A**round this time of the year, as the leaves are beginning to fall and a chill wind cools the air, the autumn season signals a time of death and decay. It won't be long before Halloween stirs our evil emotions, and on cue Hollywood will release its annual tradition of horror films. While such monsters as Michael Myers, Jason and even Freddy Krueger once ruled the darkness of the movie theater and our own nightmares, their scary tactics became more whimsical than frightful. Instead of being afraid, audiences challenged the entertainment industry to shock them even more.

By Bill Banks

# The Tiest



Be careful what you wish for because, unfortunately, you will get it. The new kings of terror won't be found at any cinema in the coming weeks. Rather, the ultimate big budget horror has been unleashed in the World Wrestling Federation in the form of the Undertaker and Big Show! But will they be together for a sequel?

This evil that caught the Federation and its superstars by surprise was swift and sure and certainly combined the strangest of bedfellows. For one, the two monstrous athletes were no strangers to lashing out at each other. After all, it was the Big Show who nearly drove the Phenom straight back to hell with a chokeslam through the ring! And in response, Undertaker tore open his nemesis with the precision of a surgeon—using a steel chair as a scalpel. Now those pages have been turned and a new, more menacing chapter has been written.

And what about the "Brothers Grim"? It was just one year ago that Undertaker and Kane formed what many thought was the most destructive force ever in

the Federation. The chances that their body count would be surpassed in our life times seemed slim. In retrospect, their destruction was mere child's play compared to the Armageddon the Big Show and the Phenom have perpetrated. In "Big Brother's" own words, was it simply the fact that Kane was unable—or unwilling—to let his heart fade to black? While compassion began to fuel the gears of the "Big Red Machine," the Undertaker and Big Show found a common bond in that they were able to hate without a reason, a trait often shared by other horror icons.

Could it have been Kane's emotions, and eventual friendship with X-Pac, that resulted in the alliance between Undertaker and the Big Show? Remember: just prior to combining forces, the Undertaker and Big Show shared a common enemy in Kane. Surely, when the "Brothers Grim" were at their most devastating, the Phenom thought that his younger sibling would one day walk in his unholy footsteps. But that all came crashing down, thanks to the most natural of human emotions.

Angered by this "weakness," and perhaps feeling somewhat deceived, Undertaker may have set out to destroy his sibling once and for all. Now, instead of Kane inheriting his brother's legacy, has the Phenom chosen the Big Show to serve as his demonic apprentice for the time being? Of course, the student was more than willing to take part in this mission, as Kane had been a thorn in his side for months. Let's not forget, it was Kane who cost the Big Show his destiny as the 1999 King of the Ring.

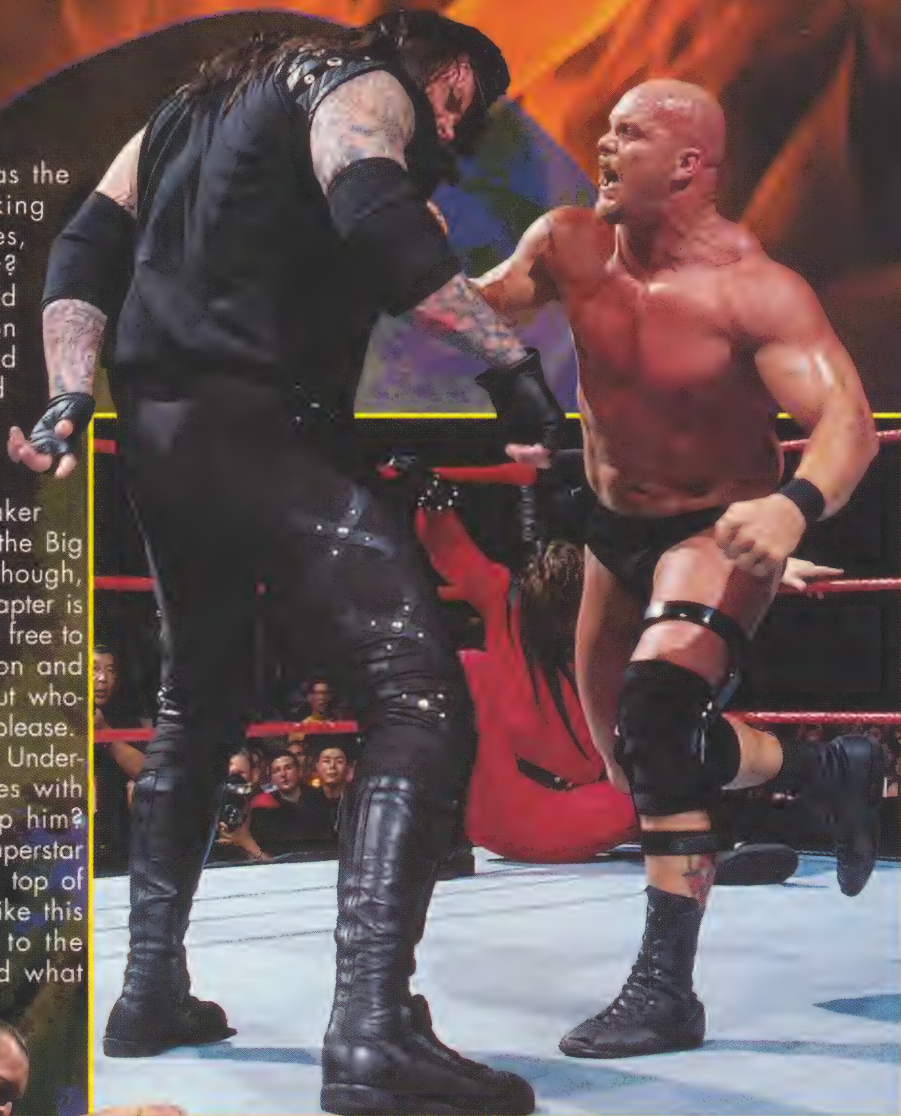


# Hot Bind



If the "Big Red Machine" was the force behind Hell's new wrecking crew, the question now becomes, What keeps them together? The answer to that is Stone Cold Steve Austin and the Federation Championship. The Undertaker and the Big Show have already agreed that their alliance will come to a painful conclusion. Fate has already written the ending of this horror story, as the Undertaker will eventually bury the knife in the Big Show's back. In the meantime, though, what happens before the final chapter is yet to be determined and they are free to buzz saw through the competition and pick apart not just Stone Cold but whoever holds the gold any way they please.

If the Big Show knows that the Undertaker will eventually sever his ties with him, why would he want to help him? Obviously, like the Phenom, the superstar realizes this is a sure path to the top of the Federation. An opportunity like this is the reason Big Show came to the Federation in the first place and what continues to motivate him. With or without the Undertaker's consent, Big





Show will one day become the most dominating force in the Federation—a title the Undertaker currently holds. What better way to achieve that goal than to take it from the Lord of Darkness if and when he gives him a reason to? With his tenure in the Corporation, Big Show has also proven he will align himself with anyone if it's a means to his end. He doesn't even necessarily have to believe in the demonic philosophy of his partner. Surely, both these superstars can annihilate Stone Cold... but only one can hold the championship in the end! This is the Big Show's chance to finally have it all.

By all indications, the Undertaker and Big Show's horror story cannot be ended prematurely by anyone. Many of the Federation's top superstars have already tried

to stand in their way—and have suffered for it. Stone Cold, Triple H, Kane, The Rock, the Acolytes, X-Pac and the Road Dogg are just a few of the victims of their incredible power. If the collective force of the Federation can't even slow the Undertaker and the Big Show, what can? The brutally honest answer to that may be... nothing.

As the audience, we are witnesses to the total devastation that has become the Undertaker and the Big Show. But, unlike in the movies, this is reality. We can't stop the film, and their co-stars cannot escape the screen or the fate that awaits them. It has always been said that the fans drive the World Wrestling Federation. So, what if the obsession with terror has resulted in something that cannot now be stopped?

One thought will undoubtedly disturb many fans as the Undertaker and the Big Show's carnage unfolds...

Good doesn't always win over evil in the end. **WF**



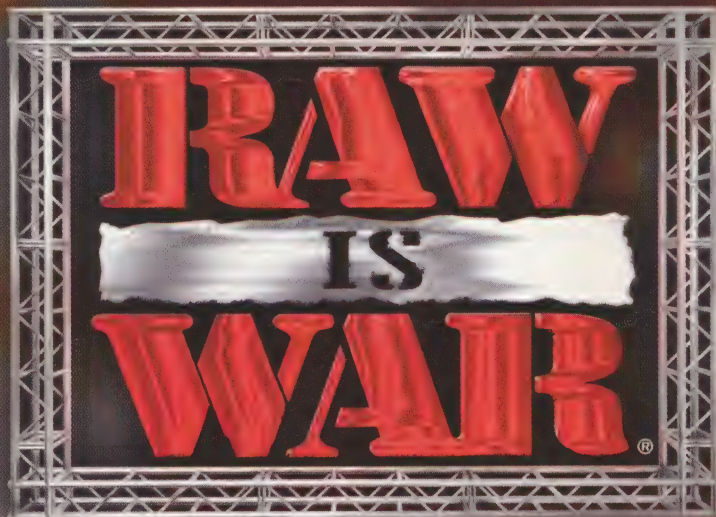


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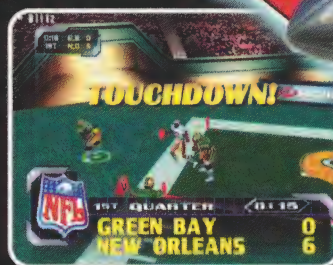
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—Chyna, June 1999, on  
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# CONQUER?

## Are Chyna's Future Plans Bigger Than Triple H?

By Bill Banks

**A** strong statement, but one the Ninth Wonder of the World might have every right to make. Without her support, Hunter might have failed in his bid to earn a top spot in the business. The argument can certainly be made that minus Chyna, Hunter's role as a leader in the Federation would have merely been the dream of a superstar with limitless potential. Comparatively speaking, would Bill Clinton have been able to become the "Leader of the Free World" without Hillary? Would a lesser woman have supported him when his political future looked bleak? The popular adage that behind every successful man is a woman may be true, but no doubt Chyna won't be denied her opportunity to walk alongside Triple H.

Together, Hunter and Chyna have accomplished so much in the Federation. Their chemistry is the key element that has taken Triple H to the top. Over the years an incredible bond has developed between the two superstars. They share a certain

mind set—like a well-oiled machine, each one knows what the other is thinking and about to do next. When she sees an opening, he takes advantage of it. Hunter has never denied their symbiotic relationship, nor the gratitude he owes to Chyna... then again, he's never spoken openly about it. Does Chyna expect payment on the debt, and do her own words speak much louder than actions?

Over the course of their shared history, it has always been a team effort for the two superstars. So, why would it be any different now? Would Hunter go along with Chyna's claim that she deserves half the championship? Doing so would be unprecedented in the Federation and might potentially damage his reputation. It would entail not only Triple H's admission that he could not have done it on his own, but also that the Ninth Wonder of the World is a competitor equal to his stature. He has stated publicly that to consider Chyna anything less than an athlete would be a mistake, but could he swallow his pride and take it a step further? The moment he does he proves her assertion credible.

In my opinion, Chyna's statement regarding half-ownership of the championship is purely symbolic, but still must be taken seriously.



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If Triple H were to monopolize the spotlight and keep all the glory for himself, how would his female counterpart react? If Bill Clinton didn't allow Hillary to play an active role in the White House, would she have supported him through the Monica Lewinsky scandal?

To understand Chyna's sentiments, one needs only to realize that her goal has always been to become the

championship or jeopardizing her bond with Hunter might be a choice Chyna would be reluctant to make.

Perhaps all Chyna is seeking from Triple H is public acknowledgment that she is just as worthy of the title "champion" as he is. Rather than physically holding the gold perhaps the point is the recognition that Chyna, like Hunter, would be the best in the Federation. It's a premise that would surely give Federation promoters headaches! After all, would Chyna be willing to shoulder the burden of becoming an active competitor? If not, her newfound classification would be just a hollow label.



World Wrestling Federation Champion. The superstar has no interest in the Women's Title, because she feels domination of that division wouldn't be a challenge for her. Wrestling the male superstars, and beating them, has always been her objective. Chyna is already the first woman to have competed in the *Royal Rumble* and *King of the Ring*, and the *Ninth Wonder* isn't about to stop there. It's evident that the woman is closer to claiming the Federation Championship than ever! But if Hunter denies her demand, would she challenge him for it? Just imagine the main event possibilities! But don't get your hopes up for that confrontation just yet.

Despite her lofty desires, Chyna has always been pro-Hunter to the point that she has even put his needs ahead of hers. Likewise, Triple H has been more than supportive of Chyna during her in-ring endeavors—often returning the favor by assisting her to victory. Would Chyna risk such a successful partnership? The *Ninth Wonder* knows she could survive without him, but would she want to? Receiving half the

Chyna has more than proven that she can take anything the men dish out and give it back tenfold. While her in-ring action may be



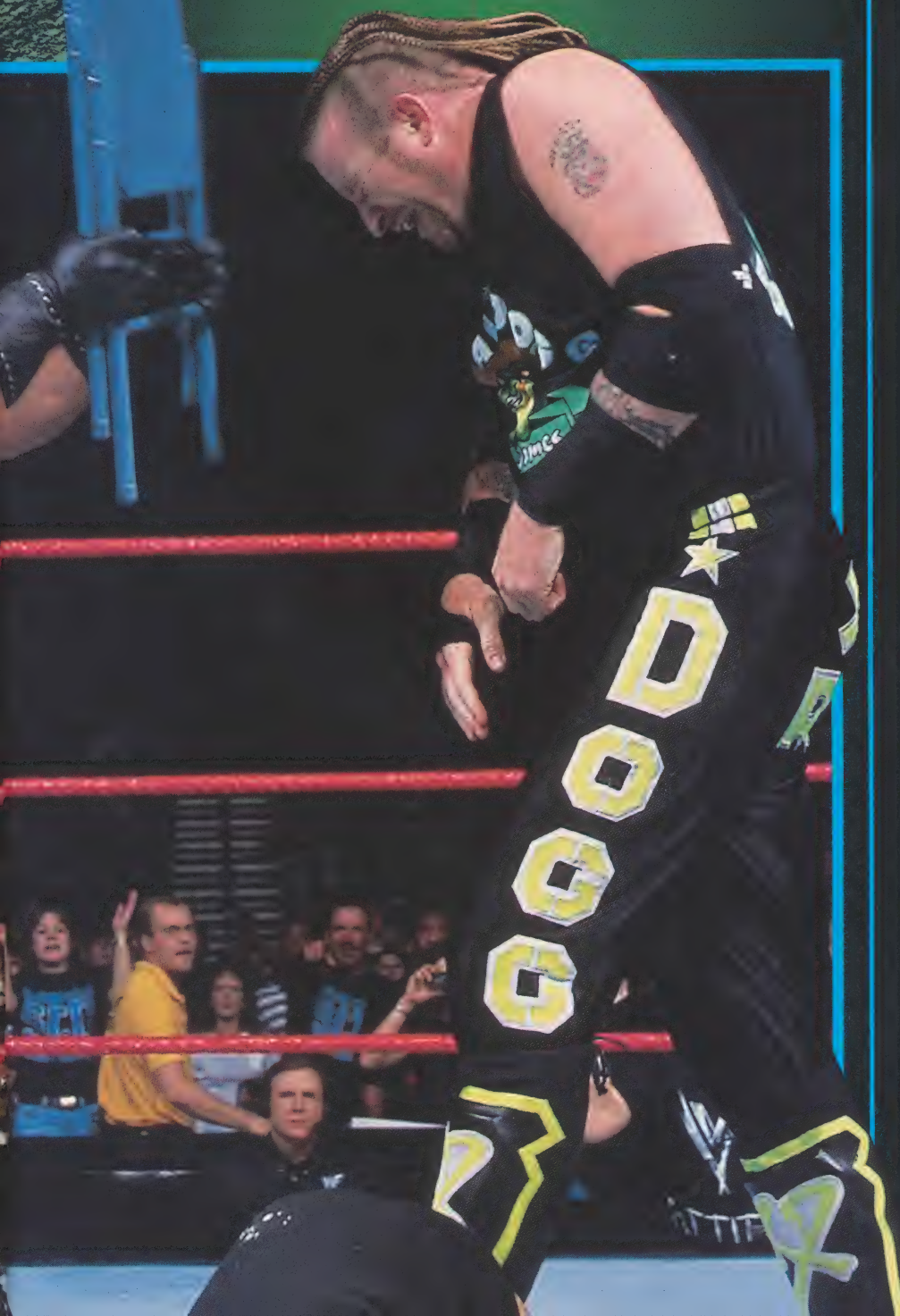


sporadic, she has spent her time at ringside observing Hunter as a learning experience. By knowing what does and does not work, the Ninth Wonder will succeed if and when it's time to take that next step. Their alliance aside, Chyna is the one who will have to cross the finish line on her own in the end... with or without Triple H's help.

Is it any wonder then why, like Chyna, Hillary Clinton has

announced her aspirations for the future? Do First Ladies of such dissimilar careers have much in common? Hillary has plans to run for the New York State Senate. With years of learning from her husband's accomplishments and failures, certainly no one is counting her out. Likewise, after studying Triple H's ascent to the top, would Chyna one day consider going after the Federation Championship.

The only question is, Will Hunter give Chyna what she wants, or will the Ninth Wonder of the World have to take it? **WF**



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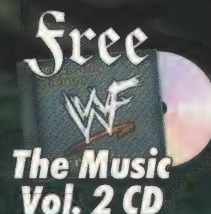
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# The Christian

BY LAURA

## MIND, BÓDY AND SOUL

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With the approach of the new millennium, there have been a proliferation of self-proclaimed spiritual gurus who claim to know truth, to have experienced divine contact and espouse only that which was bestowed upon them from the heavens

above. Such charismatic figures may preach different dogmas, but one trait is shared—they are all talk.

"I believe actions speak louder than words, so I let my actions speak for me. I keep my eyes and ears open to what's around me. And when

the moment is right, then I speak my mind," Christian confides.

Christian is a grounded and centered individual, in touch with his spirituality. He does not feel the need to prove himself, nor is he afraid of revealing that side of himself. But as his words above reveal,

he would rather allow others to see the evidence of his spirituality than merely hear about it. He is the one who is able to restore a sense of balance and harmony to the group.

From whence does Christian's spirituality emanate. Was he raised in a religious home?



Did he turn to scholarship and study ancient books? Was he struck by lightning? Did he exile himself to some ashram and follow the teachings of a guru?

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his role to reconcile the threesome—or if he instead believes the split was their fate.

Blood ties brothers Edge and Christian together, but obligation

ties Christian to Gangrel. Estranged for a long time, it was Gangrel who reunited the siblings in the Federation, much to the initial resistance of Edge. For that, Christian is eternally grateful to Gangrel. The question is, Will obligation ever take precedence over family? Will Christian repay his debt to Gangrel, using his brother as currency?

Rather, they gave me direction and I came up with my own conclusions."

Although his work is physical, combative and aggressive, his nature is not. Christian is a quiet man, often lost in deep contemplation or acutely aware, keeping a watchful eye on all that happens around him. Whether it is in the ring, out in nature or on the road, Christian is always seeking, exploring. But most of all he is listening. Is it God, Allah, Vishnu, or the goddess to whom he looks for divine guidance?

"I believe in a higher being," the superstar continues. "I have always felt that there was something watching over us and that everything happens for a reason—that everything is already set out for us. I believe in fate."

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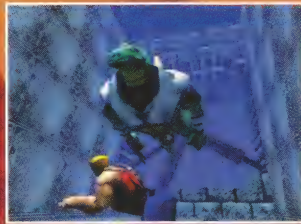
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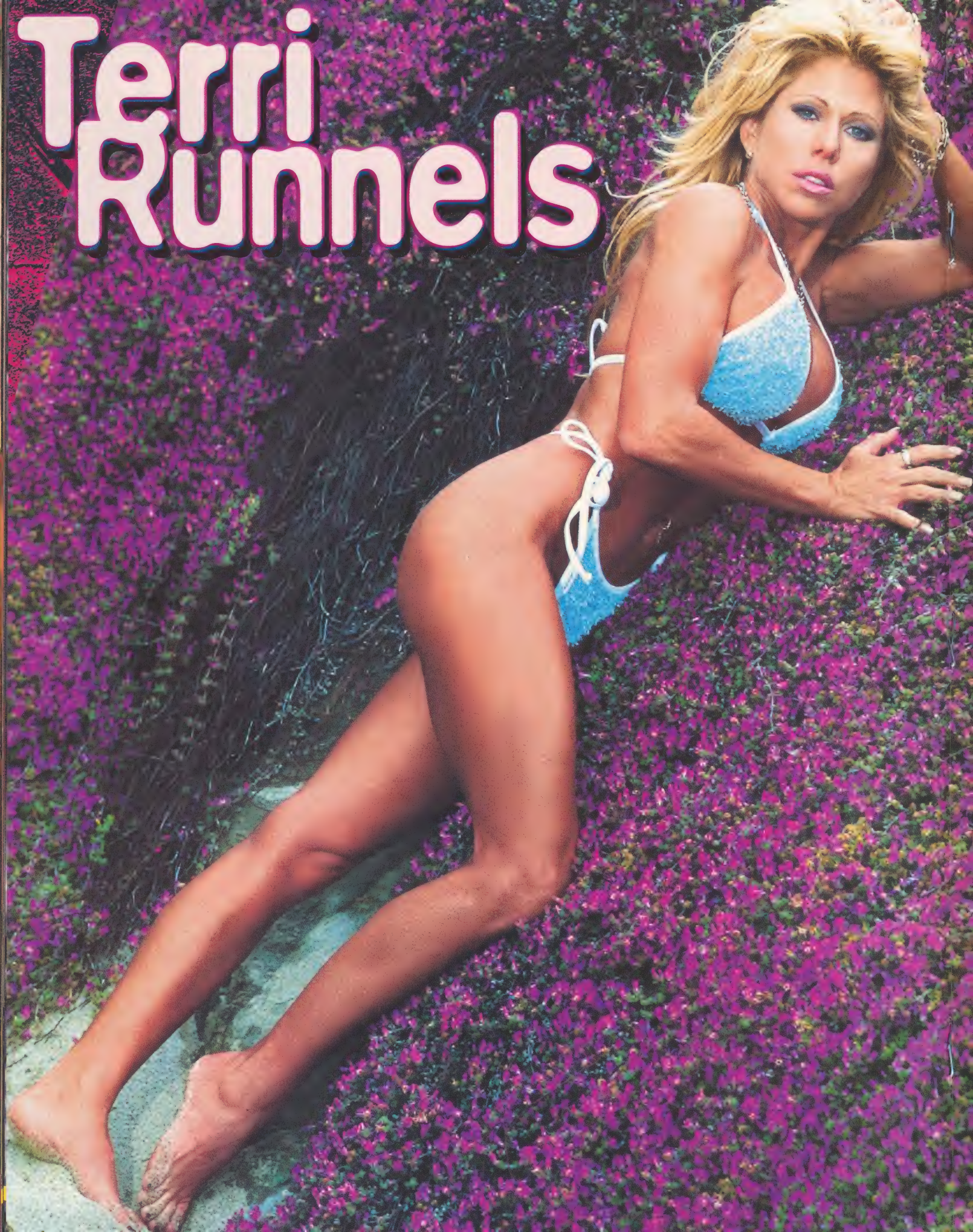
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Edge's popularity has grown at an incredible rate—especially among women. In fact, one could argue that is the very reason for Gangrel's animosity toward him—that the green-eyed monster bit the boy. How does Christian view Edge and Gangrel as men concerned with affairs of the flesh, of the ego—the antithesis of the spiritual? Will Christian attempt to take the pair into his counsel to introduce them to a higher level of consciousness—to free them from the bondage of self?

Christian isn't untouchable, however. He is a living, breathing man who happens to be very attractive. Mix his good looks with an aloof, pensive demeanor and you have a formula for a true heartbreaker. There is nothing sexier, more desirable, more compellingly delicious than a man of mystery. Will

the increasing adulation from female fans inflate Christian's ego? Will he eventually abandon the spiritual for earthly pleasures?

Regardless, a question remains: Will Christian and Edge be able to remain allies and to peacefully co-exist? It is often the case that the intellect is at odds with the spiritual. The intellect thinks it knows all the answers, and thus often chokes the voice of the soul. How many times do individuals listen to their minds when their guts are tugging them in another direction? Will Edge, the intellectual force, and Christian, the spiritual, be able to co-exist and work together in unison? Will their brotherly bond be enough—or will they perhaps bring in another

physical being to replace Gangrel and maintain harmony?

"I see that everyone is on a voyage—a set path. We will follow those paths and seek knowledge. The answers will appear when fate determines," Christian philosophizes.

Of course, Christian could easily abandon the physical world of sports-entertainment altogether to go on some spiritual quest...

When such questions are posed to him, Christian remains silent.

Perhaps he knows the answers, but chooses not to divulge them. God only knows... *WF*





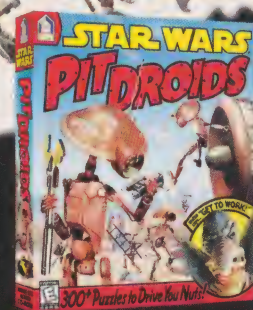


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# WANTING TO HEAR UP

By Kevin Kelly

one of the greatest leading men in Hollywood are short. Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise, Sylvester Stallone and Joe Pesci are among those who have shown that lacking



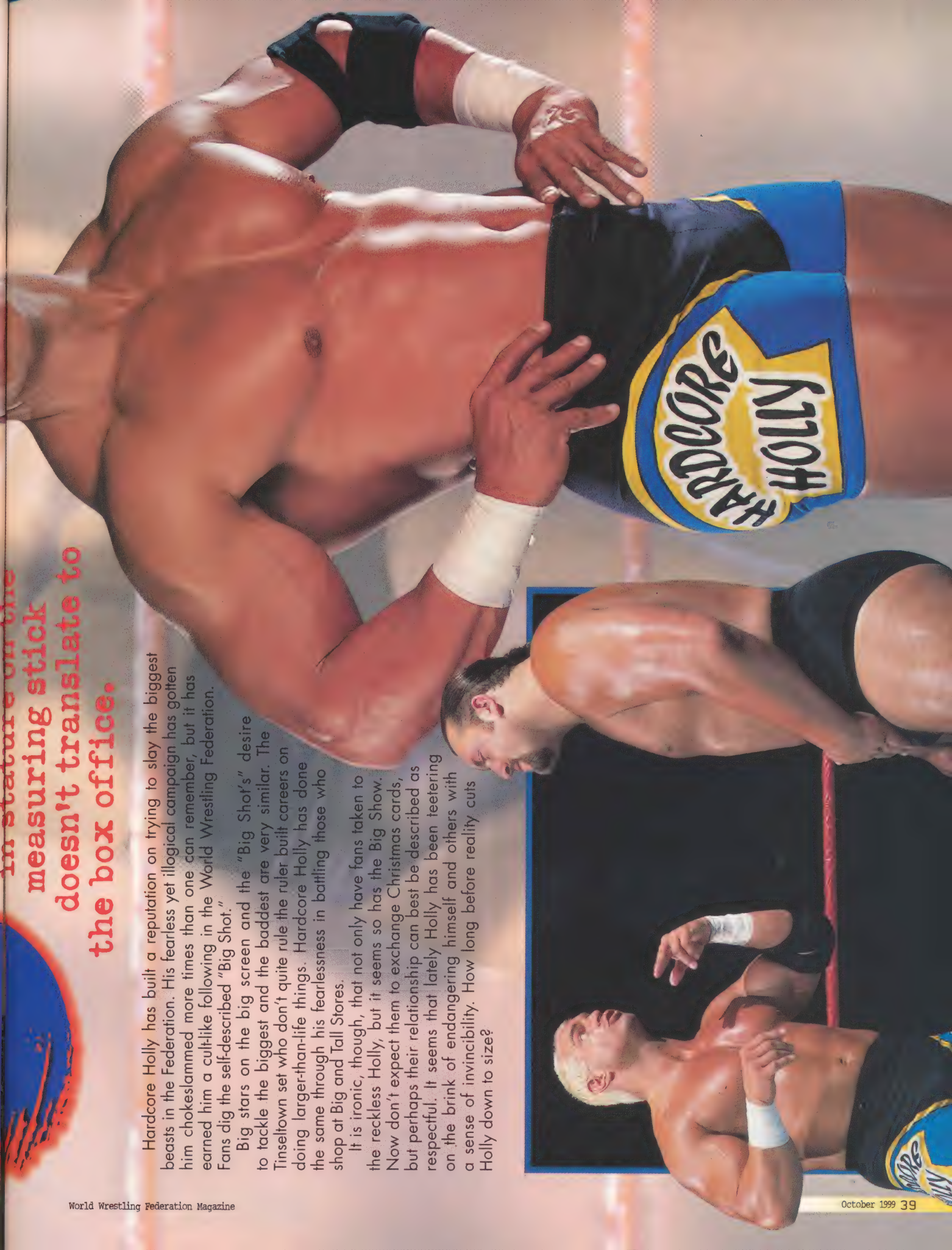


**in stature on the  
measuring stick  
doesn't translate to  
the box office.**

Hardcore Holly has built a reputation on trying to slay the biggest beasts in the Federation. His fearless yet illogical campaign has gotten him chokeslammed more times than one can remember, but it has earned him a cult-like following in the World Wrestling Federation. Fans dig the self-described "Big Shot."

Big stars on the big screen and the "Big Shot's" desire to tackle the biggest and the baddest are very similar. The Tinseltown set who don't quite rule the ruler built careers on doing larger-than-life things. Hardcore Holly has done the same through his fearlessness in battling those who shop at Big and Tall Stores.

It is ironic, though, that not only have fans taken to the reckless Holly, but it seems so has the Big Show. Now don't expect them to exchange Christmas cards, but perhaps their relationship can best be described as respectful. It seems that lately Holly has been teetering on the brink of endangering himself and others with a sense of invincibility. How long before reality cuts Holly down to size?





Many times professional athletes begin to feel they are indestructible. The emotional empowerment from the fans, the rush from competing and the huge sums of cash they bank make those less-than-grounded superstars think it's all about them. When they finally self-destruct, usually by their own hands, they get in touch with their own mortality and grow up. Hardcore



Holly appears to be heading down the path taken by so many others. Let's hope it's not too late.

Consumed with rage, and perhaps possessing a false sense of empowerment having lived to tell about all his meetings with the seven-foot set, Holly has cranked up the intensity on what was always a physical attack. He is now more dangerous than humorous. The danger lies in the fact that he is more aggressive than ever and more important, he believes his own press. The fans on the Internet who have taken to Holly and vigorously campaigned for him on [wwf.com](http://www.wwf.com) have

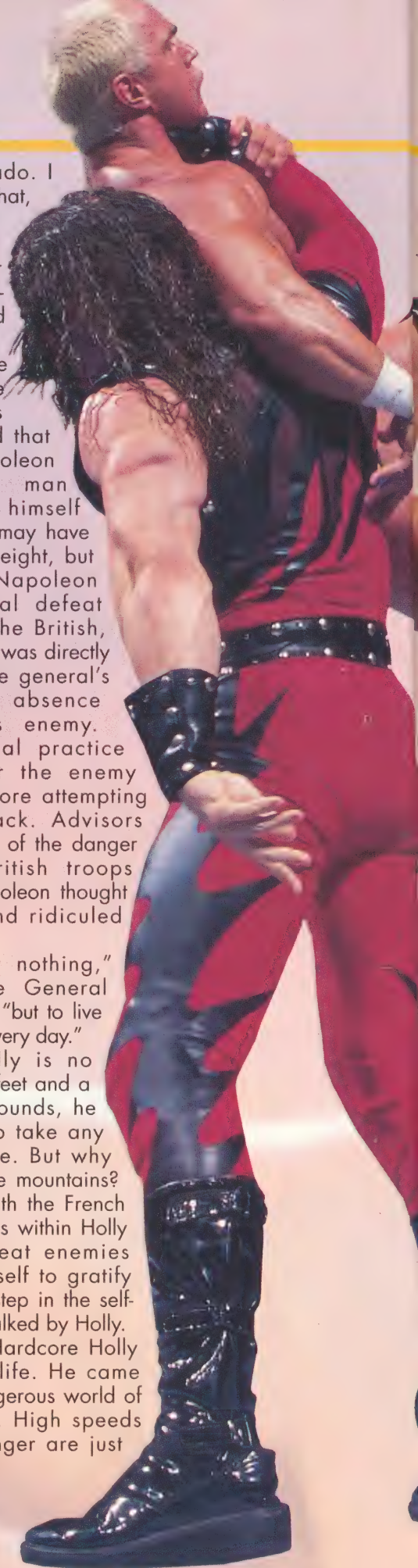
fueled this bravado. I for one must say that, even though I've always respected Holly, now I fear him. He is a danger to himself and others.

There's a phrase that describes the mental process driving Holly and that is the "little Napoleon complex." The man who proclaimed himself France's emperor may have lacked physical height, but not intensity. Napoleon Bonaparte's final defeat at Waterloo to the British, historians suggest, was directly attributable to the general's bravado and absence of fear of his enemy. Napoleon's usual practice was to hammer the enemy with artillery before attempting an infantry attack. Advisors warned Napoleon of the danger of attacking British troops head on. But Napoleon thought he knew best and ridiculed those concerns.

"Death is nothing," Napoleon wrote General Lauriston in 1804, "but to live defeated is to die every day."

Hardcore Holly is no small man. At six feet and a rock-solid 240 pounds, he has the stature to take any man his own size. But why his desire to tackle mountains? Perhaps just as with the French emperor, there lives within Holly a desire to defeat enemies greater than himself to gratify the ego. Another step in the self-destructive path walked by Holly.

Look at what Hardcore Holly has done in his life. He came from the very dangerous world of stock car racing. High speeds and inherent danger are just





part of the thrill along with the addictive lure of running cars wide open on an oval track. Mere competition may not be challenging enough for Holly in the World Wrestling Federation. He may have the desire to tempt fate woven into the fabric of his life.

After modest success in the Federation, he was invigorated by participation in the Hardcore division, renaming himself after this style of fighting. Apparently, even this brutal form of combat may not have been enough of a challenge for Holly, who began hunting "big game" just prior to *King of the Ring*. Make no mistake about it. Holly is tough, but these random assaults and the price paid for the attacks are taking their toll on "Hardcore." A slow erosion must be occurring internally without ever being displayed externally. Holly simply wipes away the stain of defeat with one hand while raising the other in his next show of anger. While it may be killing him inside, Holly will never show weakness or pain to an adversary.

The effects may be showing

the most mentally. Is Hardcore Holly becoming more and more dangerous with every beating he absorbs? The Big Show certainly has had his hands full, as have every foe to come Holly's way, and there is no escape from the inferno boiling within him. The innocent victims along the way can attest to that.

The only one who can rescue Hardcore Holly from this self-destructive journey is Hardcore Holly himself. The question is, Will it happen in time or will a Waterloo-like defeat end an era in the World Wrestling Federation? **W**





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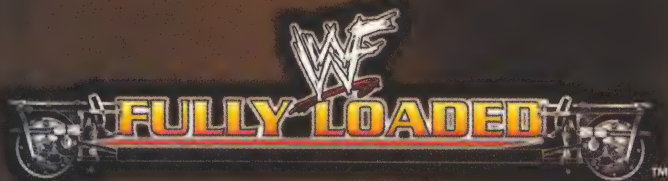


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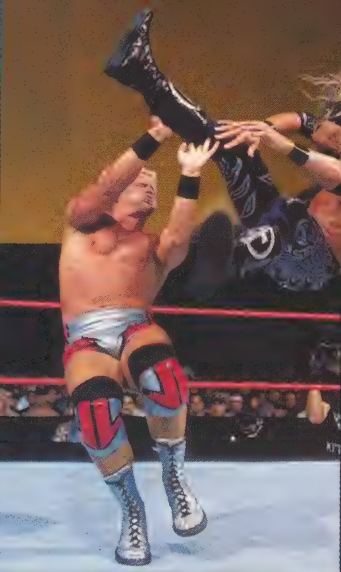
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**Intercontinental Championship Match:**

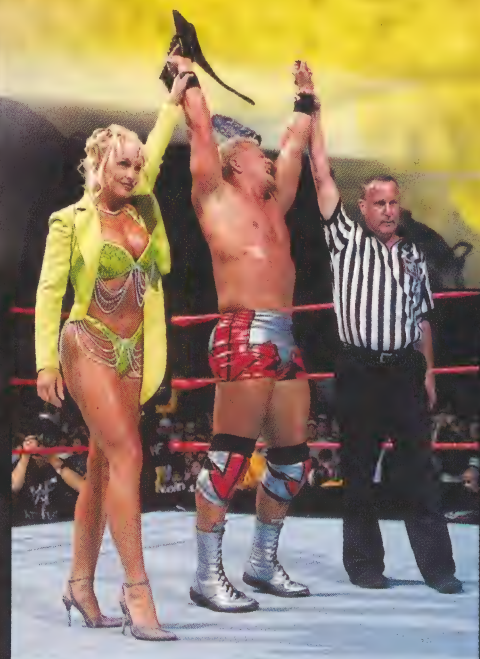
**Edge (Champion) VS.**  
**Jeff Jarrett with Debra**



**J**arrett was seeking revenge from Edge, who—coming into the match as a last minute challenger—had defeated Jarrett for the Intercontinental title a night earlier in Toronto, Ontario. After battling back with a spinning heel kick and spinning neck breaker, Edge took charge with a tornado DDT. Before he could put the match away, the lights dimmed and Gangrel\* materialized, assaulting his former partner. The contender attempted a high-cross bodyblock, but Edge rolled with it and got a near-fall—followed by a powerbomb and spear.

A scantily-clad Debra stepped onto the ring apron, distracting Edge. Jarrett belted his foe, inadvertently propelling him into the manager. Moments later, Gangrel appeared on the ring apron, running Edge's neck into the top rope and allowing Jarrett to drive his opponent's face into the mat and recapture the belt.

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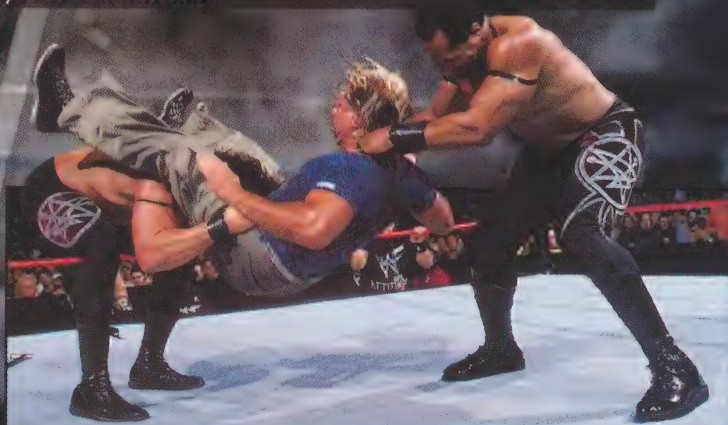
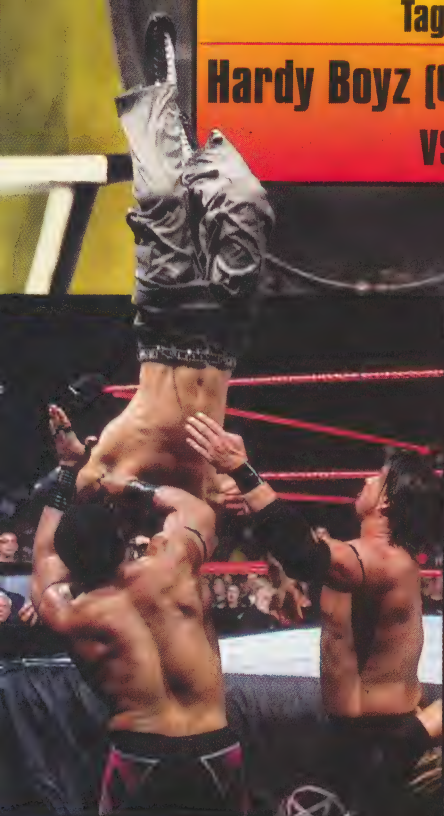
**Acolytes Rules Match for the**  
**Tag Team Championship:**

**Hardy Boyz (Champions) & Michael Hayes**  
**vs. The Acolytes**

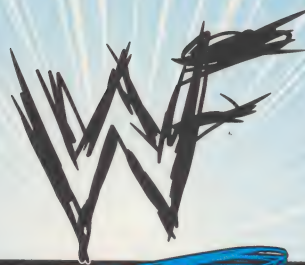
**T**he action got started with Matt and Jeff Hardy—assisted by their mentor, Michael Hayes, in this handicap match—brawling in the aisle with the Acolytes, Bradshaw and Faarooq. Bradshaw quickly found himself victimized by a plancha from Jeff and moon-sault onto the arena floor from Matt.

The Acolytes used their power advantage to hurt their inexperienced opponents. Faarooq punished Matt with a spinebuster and powerslammed Jeff. Bradshaw then positioned Matt on the top rope and superplexed him. Grabbing Hayes' walking stick, Matt shifted the tide of the contest by cracking the weapon across Bradshaw's head.

When Jeff vaulted off his brother's back and across the ring at his opponent, Bradshaw clotheslined the Hardy Boy in mid-flight. The Acolytes delivered a double powerbomb on Hayes to win the title.







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**European Championship Match:**  
**Mideon (Champion) vs. D'Lo Brown**

**M**ideon had been awarded the Federation European Championship belt by the former titlist, Shane McMahon, when the latter simply grew tired of defending the title. D'Lo nonetheless had to work extra hard to regain his former title, hurting his rival with a baseball slide and "tope"—a daring head-first dive through the ropes onto the arena floor.

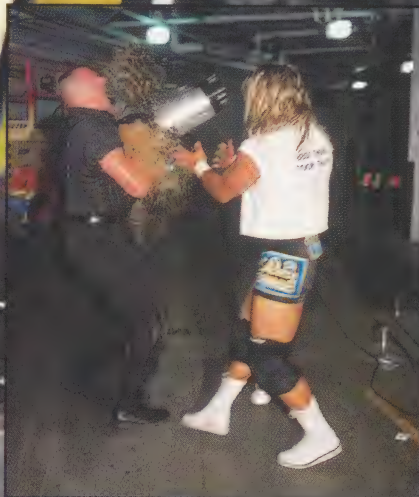
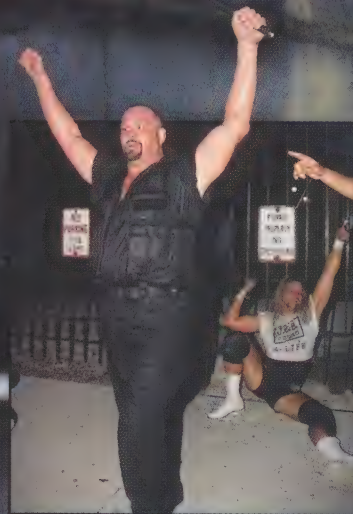
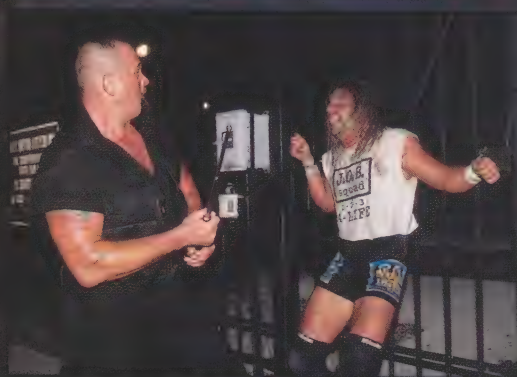
Mideon fought back with a gut-wrench suplex, thumb to the eye and running clothesline. D'Lo countered with a tornado DDT and his signature Sky-Hi. Ascending to the top rope, D'Lo delivered a frog splash, hooked his opponent's leg and won his second European title.



**Hardcore Championship Match:**  
**Al Snow (Champion) vs. Big Boss Man**

**T**he two combatants didn't even bother getting in the ring for this unconventional free-for-all. Boss Man tossed Snow into an equipment case. The Hardcore Champion popped out and bashed his challenger with a sandbag. In the locker room, Boss Man knocked over a cameraman while smashing his foe with a stick. After an exchange of fists, Snow burned his opponent with a container of hot coffee and dumped a garbage can on him.

Boss Man ran Snow's head into the garage door and hopped into a golf cart, but he couldn't get it started. After Snow lashed his rival with a potted plant, Boss Man removed his belt and executed an



old-fashioned whoopin'. The brawl spilled outside the building, where the Boss Man delivered a bulldog on the concrete.

Snow swiped a hub cap from a car and used it as a weapon, following up with a traffic cone. Boss Man got a near-fall in the front of the building after utilizing a brick. Boss Man broke a bottle over his opponent's head and handcuffed Snow, with a smile on his face, to a fence and tortured him with a nightstick. Eventually, the champion passed out—and a title changed hands for the fourth time that night.





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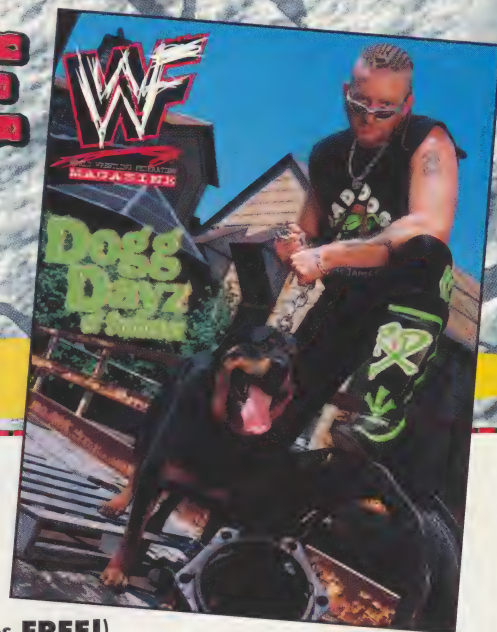
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## Kane vs. The Big Show



**W**hat made this match unique was the special referee, Hardcore Holly, who had his differences with Kane in the past, but promised to beat up both men if they got out of line. Holly stood by watching, when moments into the match the giant hoisted the "Big Red Machine" over his shoulders and chucked him onto the arena floor. The Big Show powerslammed his opponent and covered him, while Holly counted to two. Kane kicked out and the referee appeared to annoy the Big Show by telling him, "Next time, hook the leg."

Kane got back in the match with a DDT and clothesline from the top rope. Reaching back, "The Big Red Machine" snatched the giant around the neck, attempting a

choke slam. Suddenly Holly took out Kane's leg, and then gleefully registered the pin after the Big Show executed his own choke slam.

This brought X-Pac surging into the ring. But as he pounded on Kane, the youngster was assaulted by the Undertaker. The Big Show and the Lord of Darkness ganged up on Kane—punishing him for refusing to join forces with the Undertaker several days earlier.

Incredibly, when the Undertaker returned to the locker room, he was ambushed—and busted open—by Austin. Later in the night, the two were scheduled to meet in a "First Blood" match. As Undertaker had bloodied Austin before the Pay-Per-View began, the match was now even.



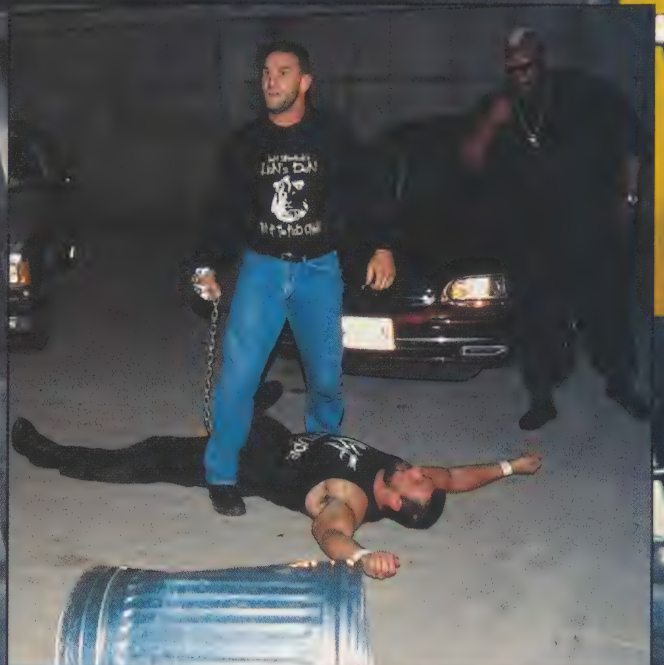


## Iron Circle Match: Steve Blackman vs. Ken Shamrock

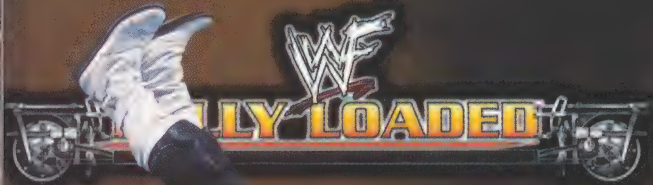


**T**his street fight took place in a dark parking lot, with the brawlers surrounded by honking cars and other wrestlers. The first man able to leave the circle would be declared the winner.

Tire irons, chains and trash cans were injected into the bout. A martial arts kick by Blackman sent Shamrock flying onto the hood of one of the vehicles. Soon Blackman lifted his foe and hurled him onto another hood. Shamrock then leveled his opponent with a taped fist and choked him out with a chain. A crazed Shamrock looked at the other wrestlers—daring them to stop him—before stepping around an unconscious Blackman's body and coolly leaving the circle.







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## **Mr. Ass & Chyna vs. X-Pac & The Road Dogg**

**O**nce loyal friends, now bitter enemies, would meet to determine which duo could retain the rights to their former team name—D-Generation X.

The Dogg zapped Chyna with a dropkick from the rear that sent her hurtling forward, knocking her partner off the ring apron. Mr. Ass came in, avalanching his opponent in the corner and setting him up for a running clothesline by Chyna.

X-Pac then entered the fray, hitting both Billy Gunn and

Chyna with spinning heel kicks. But Mr. Ass lifted his rampaging rival and dropped his throat across the top rope—exacerbating a chronic neck injury already aggravated earlier in the night by the Undertaker. X-Pac managed to survive by hitting Chyna with a clothesline as she attempted a handspring elbow, following up with a Bronco Buster. Meanwhile, the Dogg victimized Gunn with a pump handle slam—officially acquiring the rights to the D-X trademark with the victory.



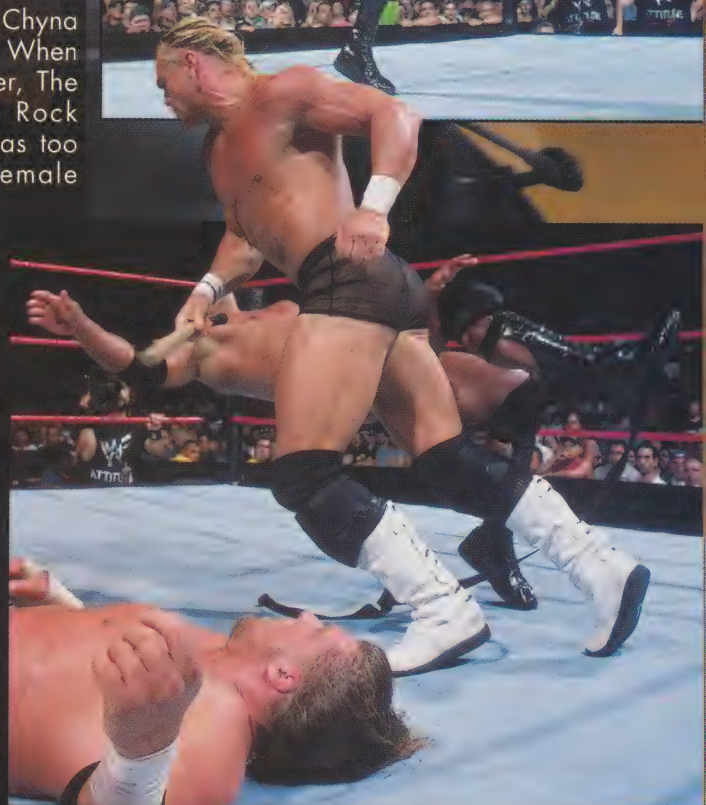


## Fully Loaded Strap Match: Triple H vs. The Rock

**K**nowing that the number one contender's spot for *SummerSlam* was at stake, these perennial rivals held nothing back. Connected by a 10-foot leather strap the pair ripped into each other at ringside, where The Rock grabbed a fan's camera at one point and snapped a photo of a battered Triple H. The adversaries fought through the audience, where The Rock slung his opponent over the guardrail, and Helmsley executed his own version of a "SmackDown," using the strap as his weapon.

As the battle intensified, Chyna wandered down the aisle. When Triple H looked toward her, The Rock hit him with The Rock Bottom, but the referee was too busy arguing with the female intruder to log a pinfall. Later, Badd Ass Billy Gunn snuck into the ring and clonked The Rock with a club. This seemed to anger Triple H, who had been quoted as saying that he wanted to win the match on his own.

Still, when The Rock zapped his rival with the People's Elbow, Mr. Ass intruded again. The Rock hit the interloper with a Rock Bottom; and HHH, seeing his foe preoccupied, pounced and won his title shot with a Pedigree—apparently feeling no shame about the help he had received from his friends.





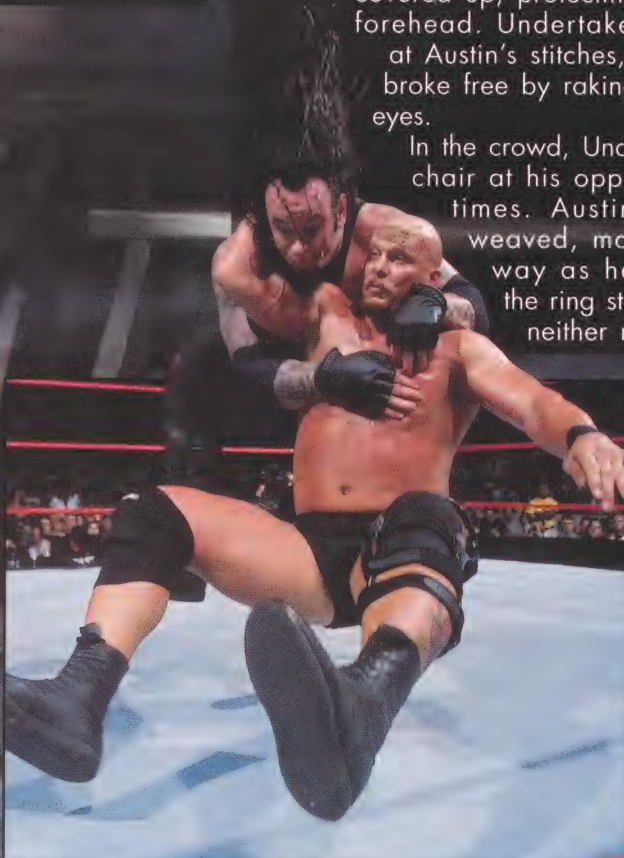
**First Blood "End of An Era" Match for  
the Federation Championship:  
Stone Cold Steve Austin (Champion)  
vs. Undertaker**



**T**he rules of this match were simple in their brutality: The first man to bleed would lose. However, if Austin fell, he would never receive another shot at the Federation Championship. If Undertaker lost, World Wrestling Federation owner Vince McMahon agreed to vanish from the Federation forever.

Seconds into the match, Austin tried to secure a quick victory by swinging the championship belt at the Undertaker, who managed to duck under the object. When the two brawled against the guardrail, the Rattlesnake uncharacteristically covered up, protecting his vulnerable forehead. Undertaker tried ripping at Austin's stitches, but Stone Cold broke free by raking his opponent's eyes.

In the crowd, Undertaker swung a chair at his opponent numerous times. Austin bobbed and weaved, moving out of his way as he charged into the ring steps. Remarkably, neither man bled during







this exchange. At one point, Undertaker became entangled in the ropes. When Austin lifted a folding chair, Shane McMahon stampeded into the ring, taking the blow instead of the Undertaker.

Austin then punished Undertaker with the Stunner. Vince McMahon went after the champion with a crutch and was swiftly pummeled. The Phenom recovered from his previous thrashing and aimed a chair at his opponent. Suddenly, X-Pac—who had earlier been brutalized by the Man from the Dark Side—dropkicked the object into the Undertaker's face. Austin then blasted his foe with a TV camera, drawing blood. For noticing this, the referee was punched out by the fallen Undertaker.

Shane returned to the ring, only to be slugged by the Rattlesnake. Triple H—the champion's *SummerSlam* challenger—tried jumping Austin, but The Rock entered the ring to even the odds. Eventually a victorious Austin was opened up, as he brawled with Undertaker outside the ring after the bell. But when the champion cast his eyes on Vince McMahon, Austin appeared to feel sorry for him. Extending a hand seemingly in friendship, the Rattlesnake ended the night by delivering the Stone Cold Stunner instead to his nemesis. **W**







# The Rattlesnake Goes Out to the Ball Game

By Phil Speer

**I**t's a simple formula really. One Baseball Team + Stone Cold Steve Austin = Victory.

This past July, Steve Austin spent a weekend with two Major League baseball squads—the Philadelphia Phillies and the New York Mets. The weekend culminated with Austin, as a guest of the Mets, throwing out the ceremonial first pitch for a Subway Series game between the New York Yankees and the Mets. The Mets won the game, making them the third consecutive team—along with the Phillies and the Kansas City Royals last May—to have won on the day Steve Austin visited.

"This is the Mets and the Yankees—this is a big deal," Austin said at Shea Stadium. "It's always fun. One of these days I'll look back and say, 'What all have I done?' Not a whole lot of people get a chance to go out and throw the first ball out for the Yankees and the Mets. And I get to say that I did that."

He "did that," after hanging out and taking batting practice with the Phillies the previous afternoon. The team presented him with a custom-made jersey with his name and number, 3:16, and Austin even had the chance to chat with the legendary Cal Ripken of the Baltimore Orioles (who were playing the Phillies that day).

"They gave me a bat that had a bunch of pine tar on it, and I didn't have any gloves on," Steve said. "After I swung the hell out of the bat for about 30 minutes, I realized that my hands were bleeding."

So, when Austin arrived at Shea Stadium on Saturday morning, he wore a total of four large bandages on his hands.

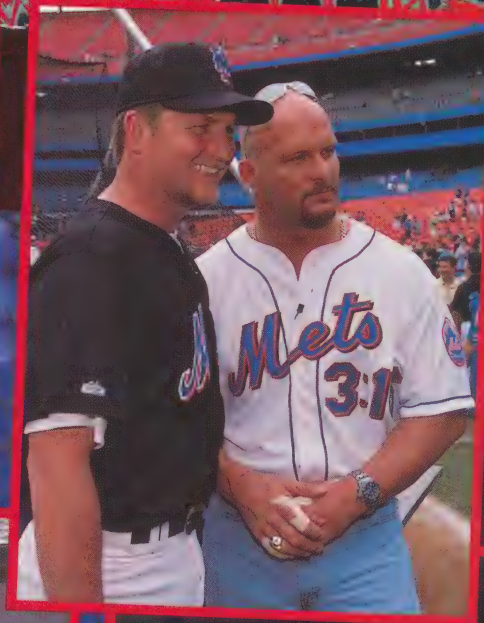
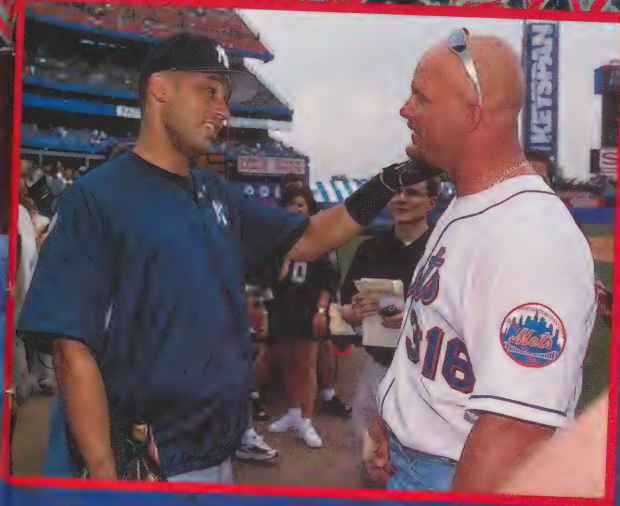
Upon changing into the Mets/Stone Cold 3:16 jersey, the Rattlesnake hung out on the field and in the Mets' locker room, chatting with players, coaches and staff. He autographed "Expect No Mercy" T-shirts for the players, many of whom wore them underneath their uniforms for the game!

"We're glad to have him here in case a brawl breaks out," joked Mets General Manager Steve Phillips. "He's in a Mets uniform, so we can run him out there to throw some Yankees around. There are a lot of times in the clubhouse the players have wrestling on and I know he's one of their favorites."

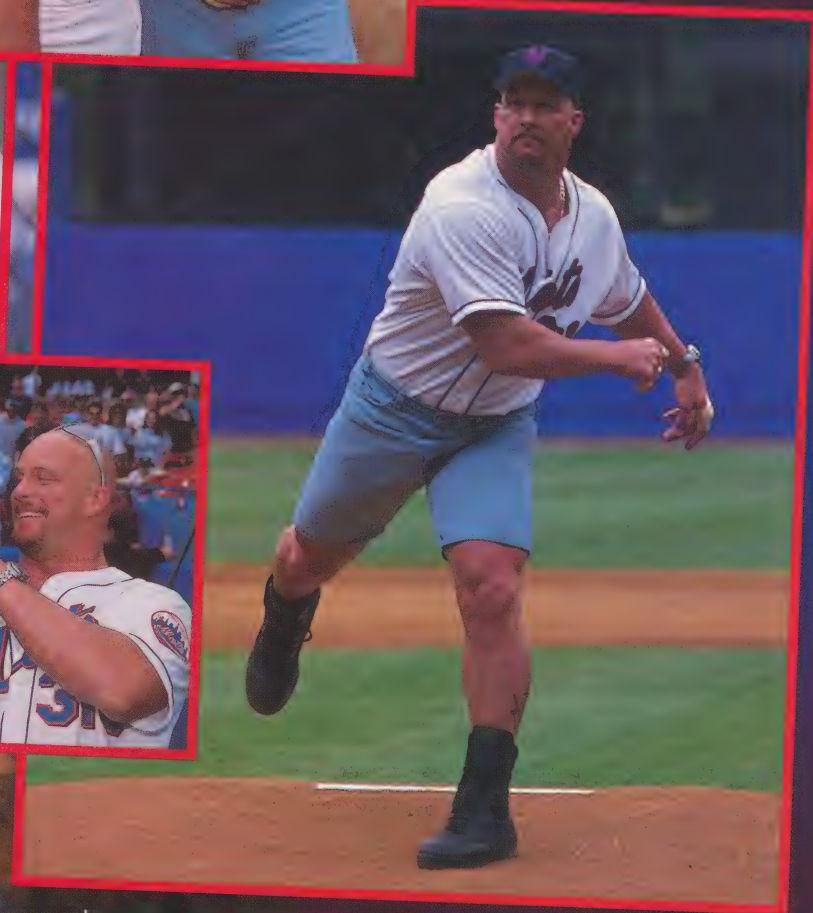
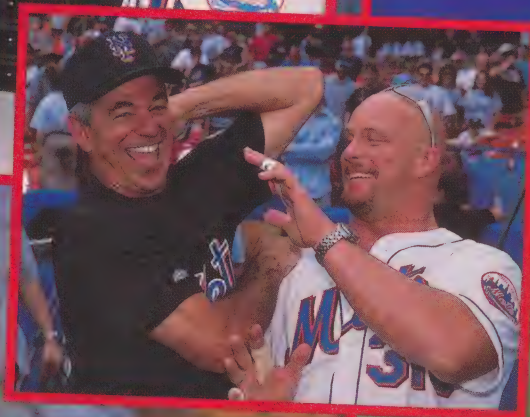
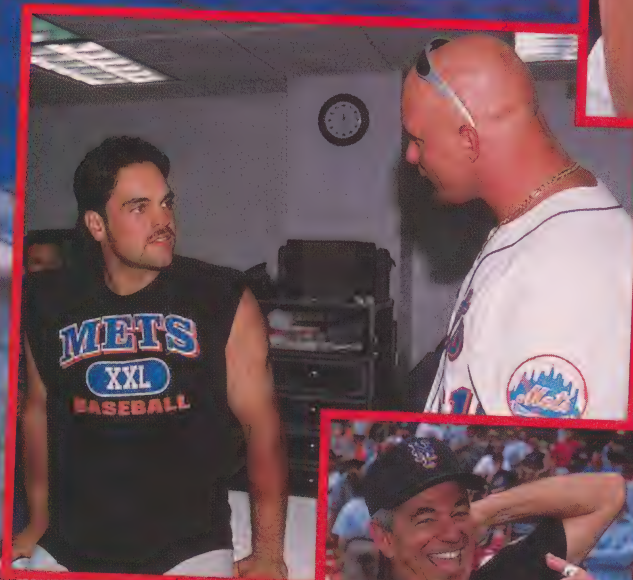
Indeed. Among the Mets who are fans of the World Wrestling Federation







(Far left) Austin takes cuts on Friday in Philadelphia with the Phillies. (Clockwise from left) An All-Star greeting from Yankee shortstop Derek Jeter; Mets pinch hitter Matt Franco says "Cheese" for a pre-game photo with Steve; the pitch was a strike and the day was a hit for the Rattlesnake; Stone Cold yucks it up with skipper Bobby Valentine; Steve enjoys a conversation with Mets catcher Mike Piazza.



are Pratt, catcher Mike Piazza, outfielder Benny Agbayani, infielder Luis Lopez and manager Bobby Valentine.

"We really appreciate him coming out, and especially for the Subway Series," Pratt said. "It's a good thing—not only for the World Wrestling Federation, but for Major League baseball."

Pinch hitter Matt Franco made a point to speak with Austin before the game. Perhaps not coincidentally, Franco went on to hit the game-winning single, a two-run line drive with two outs in the bottom of the ninth that gave the Mets a dramatic 9-8 victory.

Even though Austin was a guest of the Mets, many Yankee players crossed enemy lines to meet him. In fact, Yankees All-Star shortstop Derek Jeter requested tickets to a future World Wrestling Federation event!

After all the conversation and autograph signing, the glass broke at Shea Stadium as Austin's theme song blared over the loudspeakers. Nearly 60,000 fans at the jam-packed stadium rose to their feet as Austin trotted to the pitcher's mound and raised his arms as he has so many times in Federation arenas.

"I was wondering what kind of reaction I would get," the Federation Champion said afterwards. "This is a baseball crowd. I got a good reaction from Kansas City a couple of weeks ago, but today was show time. It was a hell of a response and that always makes you feel good." *W*



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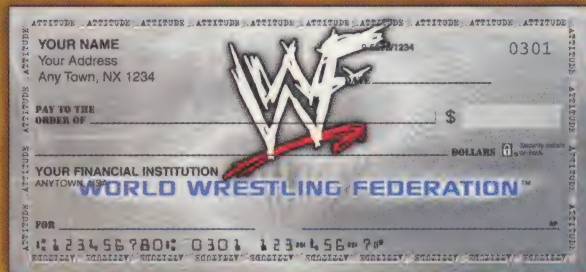
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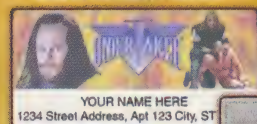


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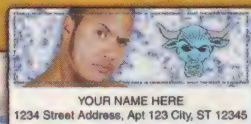


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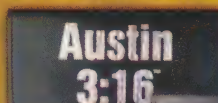


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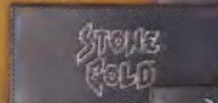
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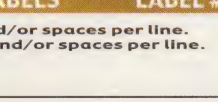
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question is, WHO will the next target be?... THE ROCK had better be wary! Mr. Ass showed the "PEOPLE'S CHAMPION" that main event status was indeed warranted and sources tell me, the INFORMER, that Billy really made a conscious effort to step up his game offensively. Mr. Ass has always been a gifted athlete, but he needed that killer instinct. He needed to make his offensive attack more... well, offensive... give his opponent less time to come back while showing everyone just how destructive he can be. With a vast array of maneuvers at his disposal, Mr. Ass got his "A" game together with superb results... TRIPLE H? You better believe it! Think those two were ever truly friends within DX? Not if the rumors are true! Not only that, but it has also been rumored that CHYNA was LESS THAN THRILLED with their recent partnership as well... Eventually, if he truly wants to be a member of the elite, Mr. Ass is going to have to hang with STONE COLD STEVE AUSTIN and the UNDERTAKER. Every measuring stick in the Federation runs you beside these two if you want to be TOP DOG... It's no longer about running fast or shooting jump shots for Mr. Ass. It is time the actions

back up the MOUTH THAT'S ROARED for so long. In the back of his mind, don't think for a second that he has forgotten the Internet recap that questioned his status. Mr. Ass quite simply gets off on proving people wrong, even if they are wrong to start... CROSS-

DRESSING FEVER! HO for a day PRINCE ALBERT certainly got a lot of attention in his one-night role. He really had fun getting in touch with his FEMININE SIDE, but it apparently didn't stop there!... Who is that in the blond wig at the top of the page? Just another example of how "pimpin' ain't easy"? Until next month... this has been... the INFORMER... WF

At the KING OF THE RING he told the world to "KISS MY ROYAL ASS!" The next day, some of his worst critics—THE WANNABES ON THE INTERNET—wondered if MR. ASS was MAIN EVENT CALIBER. Words like those from the mentally unwashed on the Net would be ignored by someone like "Señor Posterior," right? Word that I, the INFORMER, heard is that ANY criticism will be answered by Mr. Ass, whether it's valid or not. He is such a competitor that he took it upon himself to prove BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT that he is a main event man. With his recent victories and an increase of OFFENSIVE INTENSITY, what's next for the "ROYAL REAR"? Or perhaps the better





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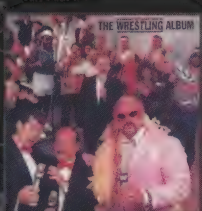


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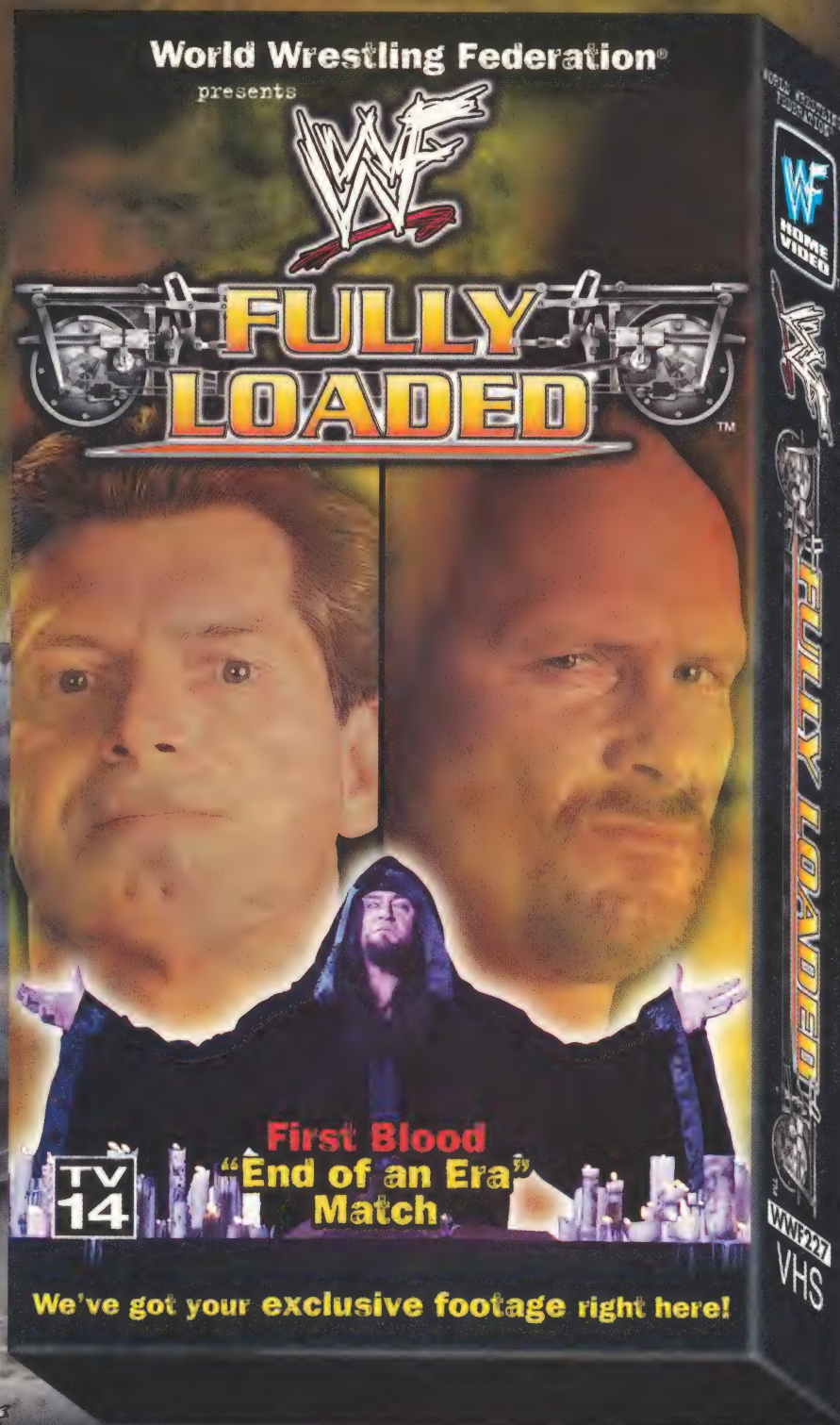
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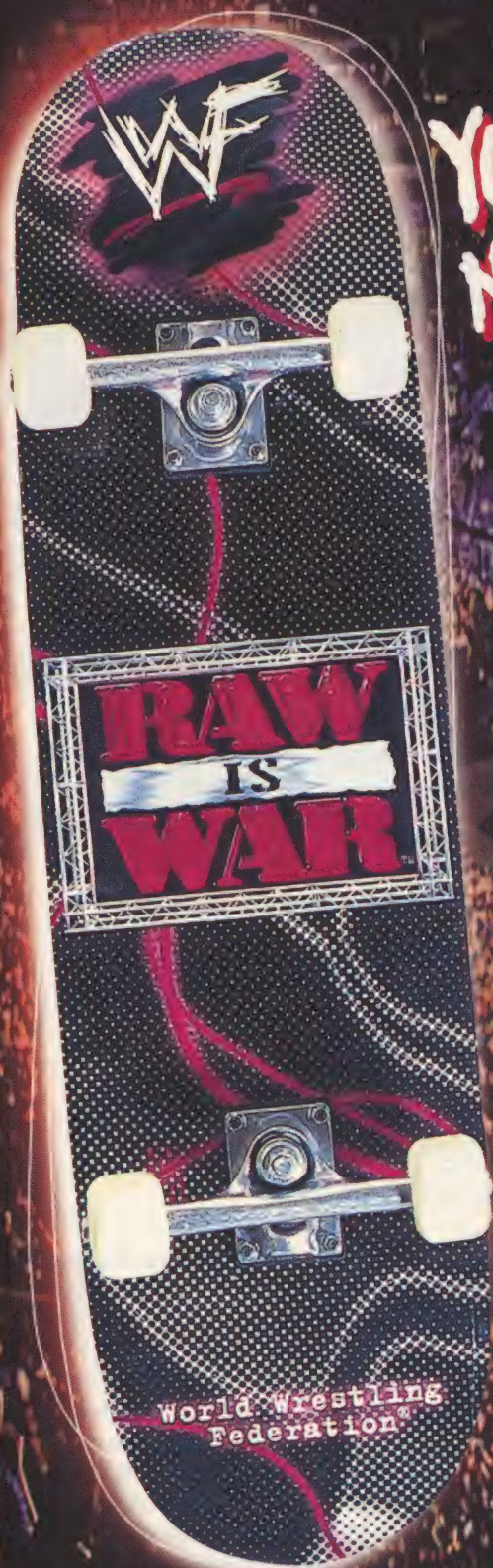


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# ? PIN EM DOWN

**Dear Rock,**

I love the way you dress. Where do you shop for your clothes so I can dress like you?

Terrence De Vante Lovett  
West Palm Beach, Florida

First of all, Terrence, The Rock would love to know just how on God's Green Earth you got such a HA HA and HEE HEE name like that! But seeing as how you're from The Rock's native Florida, The Rock will cut you a break. As far as The Rock's choice of apparel, don't make me certify you a roody-poo! The "Great One" means no disrespect, Terrence, but could you REALLY afford an \$1100 silk shirt? The Rock thinks not. Stick to the Fruit of the Looms and work your way up... if you smell what The Rock is cookin'!

**Dear Christian,**

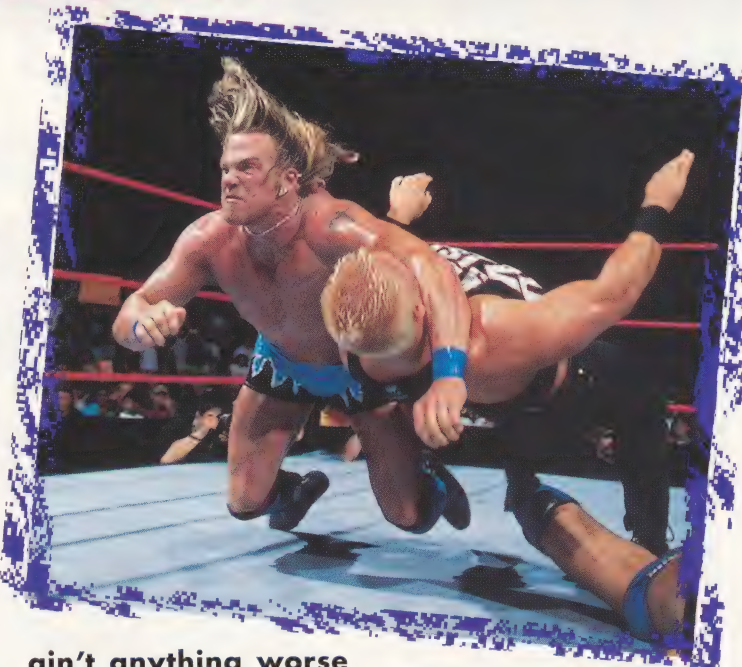
What is your idea of the perfect woman?  
Angel Martain  
San Antonio, Texas

I sense another motivation for your request, Angel. You need not ask the real questions, for the answer may be too complicated to explain. You see, in my world "love" and "hate" are both four-letter words that cause pain in my soul. They only serve to feed the inner demons that consume me. Perhaps in another life things may have been different, but fate had plans not even I could control. However, I am flattered by your letter nevertheless.

**Dear Road Dogg,**

Who is the toughest opponent you ever faced?  
Jennifer Sampson  
Rowland, South Carolina

Jennifer, the D-O-Double G has been through everything in the World Wrestling Federation... from your Hardcore wars with Mankind to having to fight my former friends in DX. But let me tell you there

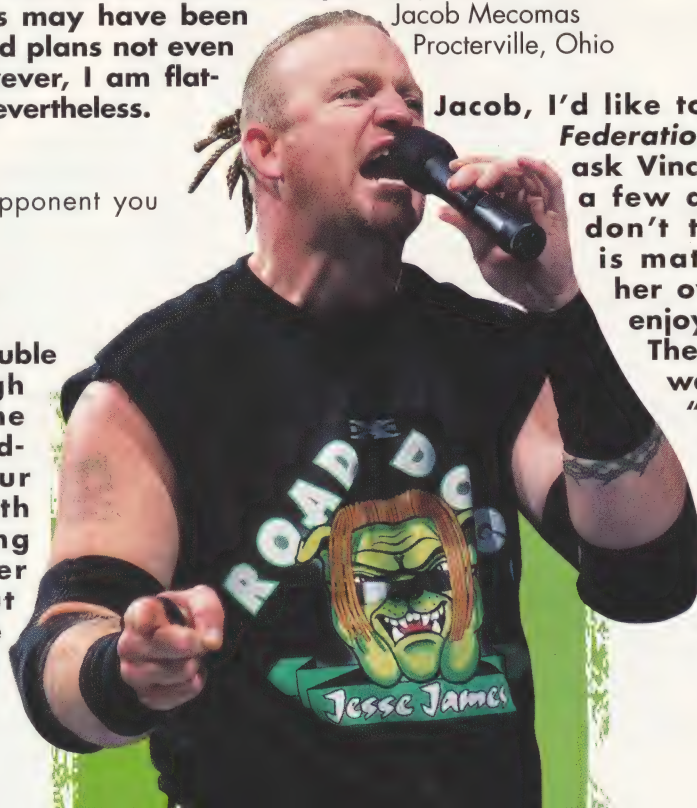


ain't anything worse than trying to fight an attorney. That's right! Ever since Hunter and Billy started this whole battle over the DX name, it's been nothin' but affidavit this and testify that! The only reason we don't let those two leeches have it is because we still believe in DX.


**Dear Test,**

How do you feel about Shane and Vince's treatment of you?  
Jacob Mecomas  
Procterville, Ohio

Jacob, I'd like to use *World Wrestling Federation Magazine* to publicly ask Vince and Shane McMahon a few questions. First of all, don't they think Stephanie is mature enough to make her own decisions? Do they enjoy trying to control her? The last time I checked, it was Shane who made his "beloved" sister cry on national television. At least I treat Stephanie with respect... something her father and Shane obviously have no concept of! *WF*





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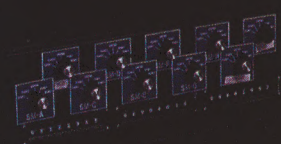
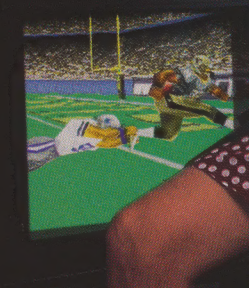
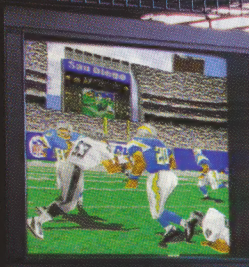
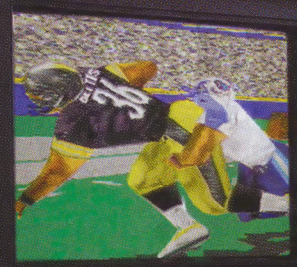


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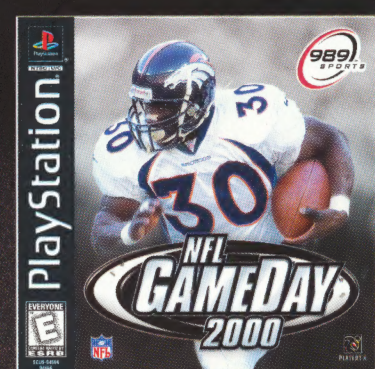
  
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